Fall 2019 Lake Vegetation Report

Starry stonewort We are continuing our search for Starry stonewort this fall. Steve McComas of Blue Water Science is planning on another search for Starry stonewort in September or October. This is a good time of the year to look for Starry and is likely to tell us if we have any Starry yet. Starry stonewort is an Algae that looks like the Kara we have growing native in Sugar Lake. To get a better idea of what Starry is, click on this YouTube site for a great short video about how to identify Starry stonewort. This can give you a good idea of what to look for as you drag your equipment from the lake. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te9iF5OTdtg

Zebra Mussels (ZM) We are now in the period where Zebra Mussels (ZM) are showing up. It is likely that you could see some extremely small ZM and some larger ones on your equipment as you take it out of the lake. Several people have found them, and they have reported their find. Check your lake equipment and report your findings to Zebra@sugarlake.org We are tracking the spread of Zebras to have a good record of what has happened in Sugar Lake. The hope is that this recording can be helpful in securing early treatment for this critter. To support this effort, we are asking everyone to send an email to Zebra@sugarlake.org stating these few things. Yes or No to finding Zebra Muscles Approximate count 1 to 5, 10 to 50, over a 100 Size - Very small, about ½”, or larger When you are searching, look in these areas first. If you have tires on your lift or dock, the side and small indents are likely places. Also look in places that provide protection like open ends of pipes and other flat places on your structures. When sending your report, please include your name and address in this email so we can get accurate information. If you can’t be around to do a search, ask a neighbor to help and submit a report for you. If you can help, volunteer to check for you neighbors who may have trouble getting it done. It does not take long to check your equipment so give it a try. We will be looking for your email, please pitch in and help.

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