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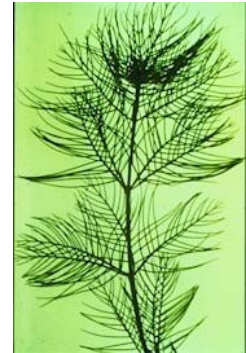
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## **Second Lake Tapps Milfoil Public Meeting – May 11, 6 to 8 pm**

**Lake Tapps WA** - Cascade Water Alliance is holding the second in a series of three public meetings to talk about strategies to eradicate milfoil in Lake Tapps. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 6 to 8 pm at North Tapps Middle School, 20029 12<sup>th</sup> Street East, Lake Tapps, WA.



On March 31, more than 120 community members attended the first in this series of meetings about milfoil in Lake Tapps. At that meeting Cascade informed the community of its intention to eradicate milfoil from the lake, and environmental consultants from Tetra Tech described the pros and cons of various eradication approaches. Cascade and Tetra Tech gave an overview of the eradication program and plans to survey and map milfoil growth in the lake.

The Lake Tapps milfoil eradication plan is now nearly complete. On May 11, Cascade and Tetra Tech will share specifics of the plan with the community, answer questions and take public comment. They will also provide an update on the milfoil mapping in the lake.

**Looking ahead:** The third in this series of milfoil public meetings is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 6 to 8 pm, location to be announced.

Milfoil poses environmental and maintenance challenges for a healthy lake. According to the [Washington State Department of Ecology](#) (DOE), milfoil starts spring growth earlier than native aquatic plants and can out shade these beneficial plants. Because it is widely distributed and difficult to control, DOE says milfoil is considered the most problematic plant in Washington State.

Questions and comments about milfoil in Lake Tapps can also be sent to Jon Shimada, Capital Projects Director, at [contact@cascadewater.org](mailto:contact@cascadewater.org), or call Cascade's toll free number 1.877.299.0930.

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