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To Lake Leelanau County Commissioner:

I am very strongly opposed to the creation of this independent Lake Leelanau Preservation Board currently being presented as the only solution to dealing with Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) that is threatening our lake. I do believe the EWM issue needs to be dealt with and that not taking action is not an option but the fact that this board would have the authority and power to decide who pays for the cost of treating this problem is more power than an independent board should have.

Their current solution is to tax riparian owners only to foot the bill for eradicating and or controlling this invasive species at an unknown financial cost for an unknown, potentially indefinite number of years. These points are left out, hidden and buried when presenting the intent of this independent board to provide a necessary solution to save our lake without pointing out who will pay for this solution.

This problem is relatively new and although a timely solution needs to happen as soon as possible this current "solution" will affect many riparian owners who are unaware of the impact this cost could have on them. There needs to be more time and effort into making lakefront property owners and the community as a whole aware of the problem and for other options and solutions to be explored and discussed. This is a community problem and needs to involve the community for an effective solution. There undoubtedly are other options for how to pay for this enormous financial undertaking. It is not only waterfront property owners that benefit from this lake but also restaurants, bars, wineries, lodging and retail businesses as well as watercraft rentals and various boating, fishing and other recreational leisure activity. The entire community could be impacted and it is wrong for the financial responsibility to fall solely on lakefront property owners.

I believe this is a far to hasty decision designed to push a solution through without the knowledge of the people it will affect the most which is unfair. With more awareness, discussion, exploration and time there will be opportunity for a better solution.

Respectfully,

Sandy Henry
Lake Leelanau Lake Association Member and property owner since 2009

Sent from my iPad