

SEPT 11th– SEPT 14th

DIVER BOTTOM BARRIER LOCATIONS: Sites 26 and 13

See Map Attached

BOTTOM BARRIER REMOVAL: The TKPOA has contracted with Hiuga Dive Company to implement two of the Group B methods – Bottom Barriers (BB) and Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH). As we approach the final months of the season, divers will be switching gears to start the removal process of the Bottom Barriers next week, Sept. 11th through 14th, in Sites 26 and 13. If the divers are planned to be in or around your dock, you will receive a door hanger at your home with more details the week prior.

DASH TREATMENT COMPLETE: DASH has been successfully completed as planned this season. Over 8 weeks with 2 rounds of treatments per location, the divers effectively removed nearly all target aquatic weeds including thousands of turions that would have formed new plants in the fall of 2023. In addition, the beneficial native species have been preserved from Year 1 and are showing an abundance in treated areas giving indications that restoration to the ecosystem is possible with this selected method.

CMT YEAR 3 VOTE: The WQ team is putting together the vote package for our upcoming special assessment. For additional resources, we highly recommend watching the June 22 Town Hall Forum (THF). It provides information on how Year 2 is going and includes plans for future years as we start looking ahead to long-term and large-scale options. Please visit keysweedsmanagement.org to view the THF. To hear details on Year 2 of the project from CMT lead scientist, Dr. Lars Anderson, jump ahead to timestamp 18:30. For information on the long-term plan, view our CMT project manager Rick Lind's presentation at the 1:01:45 mark. For budget information and waterways expenses, TKPOA Board Member Pete Wolcott speaks in detail at 1:38:06 minutes. We will be updating the website to include various resources and documents to help inform you of the CMT Year 3 and all the specific details of the upcoming vote.

Please contact the TKPOA WQ department for additional information or to answer any questions about work being done on your waterways.

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