

**Upper Saranac Lake Foundation  
Milfoil Control Program  
2010**

As each year passes and experience is gained, Andrew Lewis and his dive team are able to improve efficiency and reduce costs. This year's program differs from 2009, when the focus was on the big bays and known productive areas. This year, the focus will be on covering the entire Lake, utilizing the greater efficiency of the new, underwater communications gear and GIS mapping.

There will be 8 divers and 2 topwater support for four weeks from mid-June into July. They will harvest the eight larger parts of the Lake. They will also be doing intensive GIS work utilizing their new underwater communications, a surface boss and GPS equipment.

During the same period, there will be a 2 diver crew and one topwater support covering the smaller areas – the South end, Islands in both Bays, Back Bay and other shorelines not covered by the larger crew. They will be on the Lake for a total of 11 weeks beginning about mid-June.

Combined, both teams will complete one lap of the 44.3 miles of Lake shoreline. The GIS data will be compiled into detailed maps outlining all locations of Milfoil on the Lake, including charting the density. Two divers and one topwater will then cover all the known Milfoil locations for two weeks in July and three weeks each in August and September.

This year's early ice-out may allow us to start somewhat earlier, probably in Lower Fish Creek Pond.

The Lake Manager will continue his invaluable assistance. He will continue to do his shoreline visual inspection and Rapid Response. Unless otherwise occupied with a major area of concern, the diver's first responsibility will be to respond to the Lake Manager's input.

Should we find greater problems than seen last year, a contingency plan is in place to provide divers later in the season.

We will be posting weekly maps and progress information on the web site - **[www.uslf.org](http://www.uslf.org)**.