

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL INFESTATION REPORT: Sunfish Lake, Le Sueur County

MnDNR – Division of Ecological and Water Resources - Invasive Species Program

Lake: Sunfish (40000900)

County: Le Sueur

Type of report: Eurasian watermilfoil – new infestation

Date of report: 8/9/2022

Date of inspection: 8/9/2022

Survey methods: Visual Inspection

Results: **CONFIRMED INFESTED**

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Summary:

On July 27, 2022, a DNR aquatic botanist reported suspected Eurasian watermilfoil at three different locations on Sunfish Lake, located on the eastern half of the lake's shore (Figure 1). DNR Invasive Species staff followed up on the report on August 9, 2022 and confirmed Eurasian watermilfoil was present (Photos 1-4 below). The Eurasian watermilfoil observed was often growing in sparse patches mixed with native vegetation, but one small area of dense growth and surface matting was noted (~1,000 sq feet) (Figure 1).

Sunfish Lake was not previously on the Designated Infested Waters list for any AIS, it will now be added as infested with Eurasian watermilfoil. The new occurrence is reported in EDDMapS under Record ID [10643077](#).

Photos 1-3: Eurasian watermilfoil found near the initial sighting location on Sunfish Lake. It was most often observed in small patches as shown.



Photo 4: Eurasian watermilfoil pulled from Sunfish Lake by Courtney Millaway on July 27, 2022. Leaflet pairs are >13, consistent with traits of Eurasian watermilfoil.



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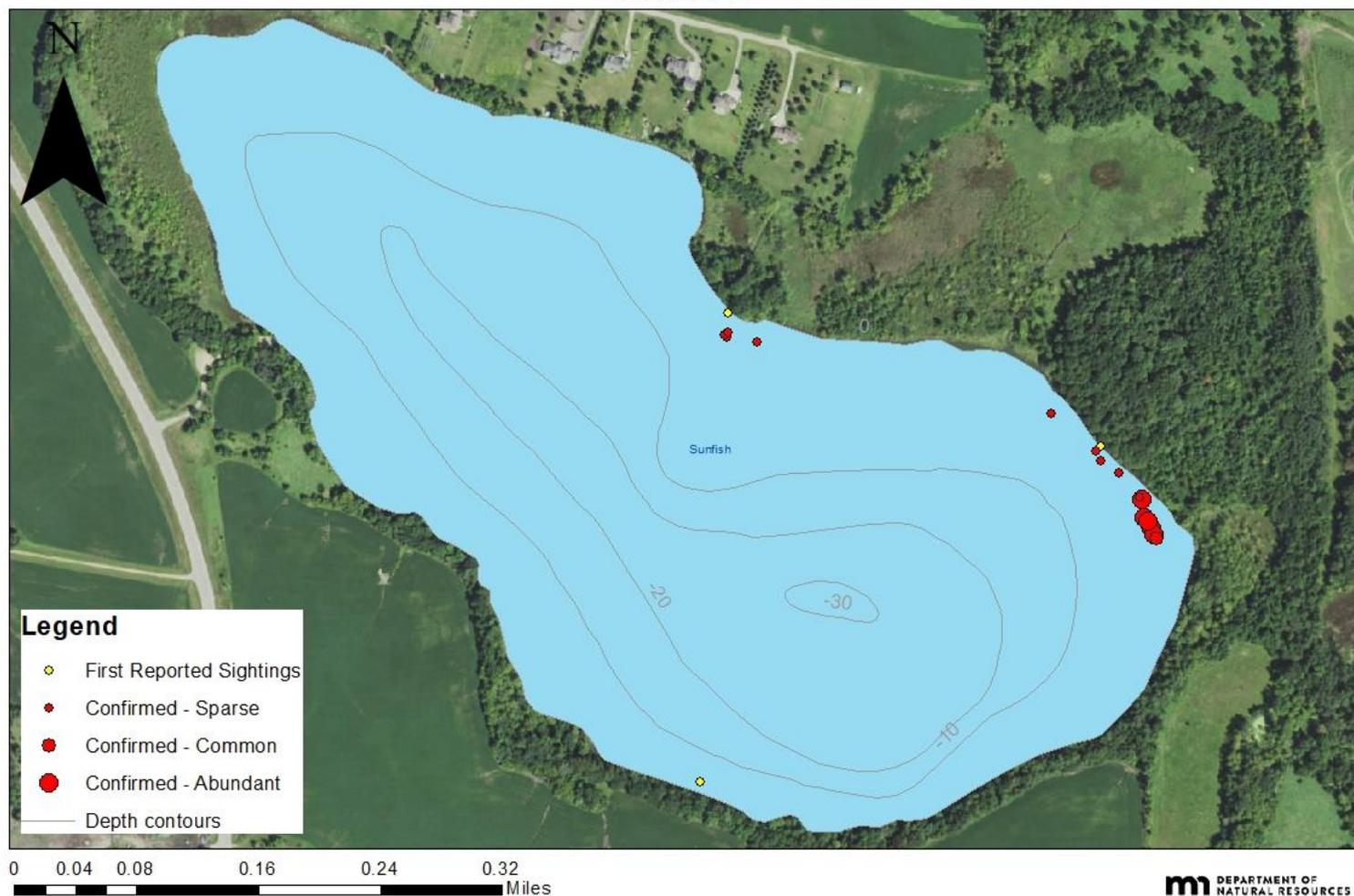


Figure 1: Locations of confirmed Eurasian watermilfoil presence. The yellow dots mark the location for the initial sightings (7/27/2022) and the red dots represent Eurasian watermilfoil found on August 9, 2022. The red dots vary in density from sparse to abundant.