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Brief Description: Combating the spread of Eurasian water milfoil.

SB 5742 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that a county weed board seeking to treat not more than twenty percent of the littoral zone of a lake infested with Eurasian water milfoil may use the pesticide 2,4-D to treat the Eurasian milfoil infestation without obtaining a permit under RCW 90.48.445.

Requires the county weed board to, at a minimum, notify all lake residents, post notices of intent to treat weeds at all public access points prior to making such treatment, and place informational buoys around the treatment area.

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