

# Eurasian Watermilfoil Fall 2024 Symposium

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Bear Lake Watch, the Utah State University - Janet Quinney Lawson Institute of Land, Water, and Air, the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (AERF), and the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) sponsored a virtual scientific symposium on October 18, 2024, to inform stakeholders of Bear Lake (UT/ID) regarding up-to-date Eurasian Watermilfoil science and best practices for management of invasive species. Stakeholders included governmental agencies, research scientists, Bear Lake Watch, consultants, applicators/contractors, and the general public. The Symposium was recorded and should be available for your viewing pleasure and education after a little editing. Stay tuned to the AERF web site for further notice.

The Symposium was organized and hosted by Dr. Gregory Critchfield from Bear Lake Watch. From the AERF Science Advisory Panel and APMS, Dr. John Madsen (Consultant), Dr. Rob Richardson (NC State University) and Dr. Ryan Wersal (Minnesota State University-Mankato) were presenters. Dr. John Madsen presented an excellent tutorial on Eurasian Watermilfoil Biology and Ecology. Dr. Rob Richardson offered a thorough and informative presentation on Monitoring for Management of Noxious Submersed Aquatic Weeds, And Dr. Ryan Wersal provided a thoughtful and useful summary of potential management tactics for Eurasian Watermilfoil. Other scientists from APMS providing excellent and useful information included Dr. Mirella Ortiz (Utah State University), Dr. Ryan Thum (Montana State University) and Dr. Ben Sperry (US Army Corps of Engineers). Dr. Ortiz provided information regarding the availability of resources and assistance for implementing a management plan for EWM in Bear Lake and Dr. Thum emphasized the importance of genetics in successful management of EWM. Dr. Sperry provided very useful guidance for management planning for Bear Lake and EWM. Presentations by other scientists and stakeholders in the Bear Lake area offered useful insight into site-specific considerations and information for management of EWM in Utah and Idaho.

Carlton Layne (AERF Executive Director) and Dr. John Rodgers (AERF SAP Chair) cooperated with Dr. Greg Critchfield (Bear Lake Watch) to assist with development of this educational and management aid.

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