

FRIENDS OF MOODY POND

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Moody Pond reflects more than the landscape around it—it reflects the care and commitment of the community that surrounds it. Thank you for being part of that reflection.

July 11 – August 1: 7th Annual Silent Auction: 32auctions.com/FriendsOfMoodyPond/2026

August 1 - 7th Annual Ice Cream Social: 4:00p-7:00p featuring free ice cream, music, and magic!

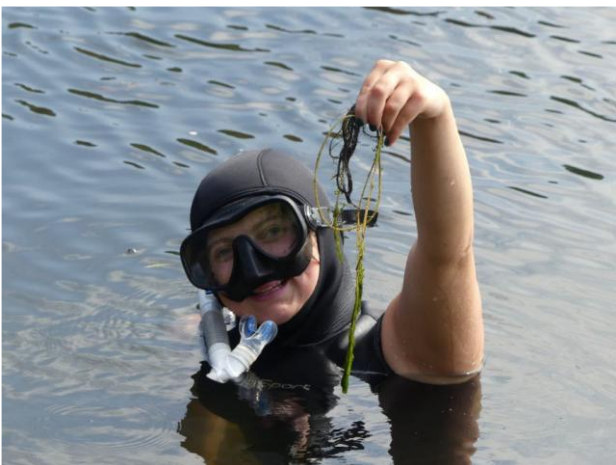


Reflect; Restore; Celebrate; Moody Pond.

Dear Moody Pond Neighbors and Friends,

Moody Pond has long been a place of reflection—of sky and forest, of Mount Baker’s slopes, and of the community that gathers around the shore in every season. Whether you come to skate in winter, paddle in the quiet of early summer mornings, or circle the pond on foot or bicycle as the leaves change, the pond offers something rare: a sense of continuity, calm, and connection. It is this shared relationship with Moody Pond that brings us together through the Friends of Moody Pond.

When Eurasian watermilfoil was first discovered here, it threatened not only the ecological balance of the pond, but also the experiences that define it for so many of us. In response, neighbors, volunteers, and local organizations came together with a shared commitment: to protect this special place through thoughtful, science-based action and sustained community support.



Thanks to that commitment, the progress has been remarkable. During the most recent harvesting season, divers located and removed **172 Eurasian watermilfoil plants, 17 pounds total** (Fig. 1). This is a dramatic reduction from earlier years and reflects the cumulative impact of careful, consistent hand-harvesting that began in 2021. When we started, EWM covered 17% of the pond, now we have isolated occurrences (Fig. 2). Over the course of this effort, more than a thousand pounds of invasive vegetation have been removed from Moody Pond—each season bringing us closer to long-term recovery.

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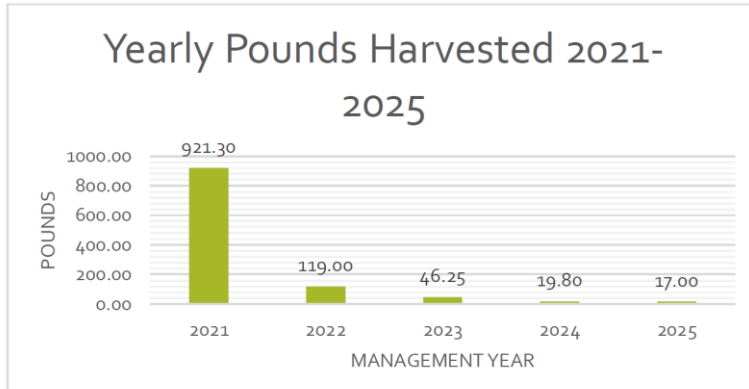


Figure 2. Pounds of Eurasian milfoil harvested per management year.

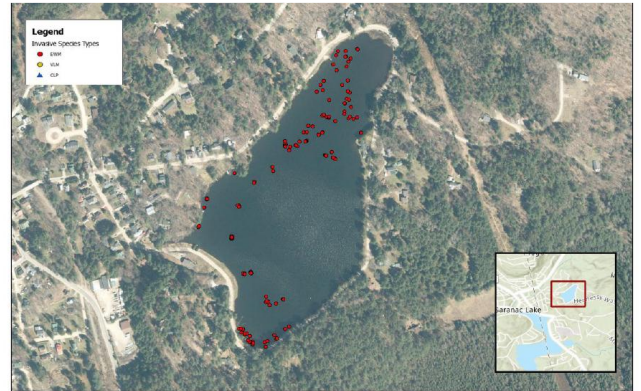


Figure 1. 2025 Locations of Eurasian milfoil plants on Moody Pond.

This progress is encouraging—but it does not mean the work is finished. Eurasian watermilfoil is persistent, and **even small remaining plants have the potential to reestablish major growth if vigilance lapses.** As the pond moves into a maintenance phase, continued monitoring, targeted removals, and public education remain essential. The hard-won gains of the past years can only be protected through ongoing care.

Friends of Moody Pond is, and has always been, a community nonprofit. We are not a shore-owners association, but a group of people who believe that Moody Pond belongs to everyone who cares for it. Your past support has made real, measurable change possible - **100% of your donation will go directly toward the expense of removing the Eurasian watermilfoil from Moody Pond.** Your continued support will ensure that this change endures.

By contributing to the 2026 Annual Appeal, you help divers continue the hands-on stewardship that has brought us this far. You help ensure that Moody Pond remains clear, healthy, and welcoming—not just this year, but for generations to come.

All donations are welcome and appreciated. Many of you have donated in the past to **Sponsor a Diver.** This year, a donation of \$35 will sponsor one diver for 30 minutes. A donation of \$105 will sponsor a team of three divers for 30 minutes. Donations can be made **online** by clicking the **“Donate”** button located on our website: www.friendsofmoodypond.org, or **by check, payable to ‘Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation’.** Kindly reference **FMP** in the payee line or elsewhere on the check, then return your **tax-deductible donation** in the enclosed reply envelope to **Friends of Moody Pond, PO Box 1127, Saranac Lake, NY 12983.**

We hope to see you around the pond. With gratitude,

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