



Dear Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board,

I am writing regarding the aquatic weed problem in Lake Tahoe and in the Tahoe Keys. This is a very serious problem and is getting worse annually. The weeds completely take over and block sunlight from reaching other aquatic life. You cannot dip a paddle in the water without bringing these weeds along with the paddle. The weeds get caught up in propellers of boats and carried to all points on the lake. They foul fishing lines and make swimming and wading difficult if not impossible. We were very pleased to learn that herbicides are available that can target these invasive species without harming the lake. Getting rid of them should be a high priority for anyone wishing to "Keep Tahoe Blue".

Thank you for your time and Best Regards,

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