

INVASIVE WEED WATCH

WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

INTRODUCTION TO INVASIVE WEED WATCH - The Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) has identified invasive weeds as a serious threat to the environmental health of the watershed and has therefore launched an **Invasive Weed Watch** program. This awareness and education program is focused on helping lake residents and visitors identify invasive weeds (i.e. noxious and prohibited noxious weeds) and learn how to best control these weeds on their properties. Where the weeds are discovered on provincial land (bed and shore) or municipal land people are encouraged to report sightings to the appropriate representatives.

As part of the Invasive Weed Watch program, the WWMC is releasing a FAQ (frequently asked question) sheet, an invasive weed legislation sheet, along with fact sheets on the main weeds of concern in riparian and upland areas around Lake Wabamun, e.g.:

- Purple Loosestrife
- Flowering Rush
- Himalayan Balsam
- Common Tansy
- Scentless Chamomile



Scentless Chamomile Flowers & Leaves
Photo: Alberta Invasive Plants Council

The fact sheets provide information on how to easily identify the weeds and then provide recommended practices for management, removal, and disposal of the respective weeds as required or recommended by experts in this area and the Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulation. Also listed will be links to other sources of information, e.g. the Alberta Invasive Plant Council web site at www.invasiveplants.ab.ca. The WWMC will be organizing Invasive Weed Workshops and supporting some of the invasive weed control being undertaken in problem areas of the watershed. Stay connected through the WWMC web site at www.wwmc.ca.

To report Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds on crown land contact your local Environment and Sustainable Resource Development office. For weeds on all other lands contact your County/Municipality office.



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