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OBWB joins group looking to eliminate invasive aquatic weeds

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The Okanagan Basin Water Board will be joining a group of agencies in BC and the North West United States in exchanging information on aquatic weeds. Board Chair Stu Wells says part of the agreement includes sharing data on how to best control invasive aquatic weeds like milfoil. Wells says the group is looking at using natural biological controls on the river system, including some naturally occurring insects that feed on milfoil. He says there are species of weevils and midges that feed on the nuisance plant, and the group is looking at enhancing their habitat to increase population and eliminate milfoil. The Okanagan Basin Water Board has begun their winter cull of milfoil weeds in the water system.

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