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Washington State going ahead with herbicide trial on Osoyoos lake Washington State will be going ahead with a 4 acre herbicide trial to get rid of milfoil on the South side of Osoyoos lake. 9/20/2011

Washington State will be going ahead with a 4 acre herbicide trial to get rid of milfoil on the South side of Osoyoos lake. Okanagan Basin Water Board Chair Stu Wells says the OBWB has used a rototiller for years to harvest milfoil, keeping herbicides out of the water system. He says the OBWB has concerns the chemical will drift to the North or Canadian side of the lake, but Washington will be testing the direction of lake-flow with dye-testing. Wells says the OBWB are unable to use the roto-tiller on the American side of the lake due to cross-border work permit issues. The OBWB is hosting a Water Relations forum in Osoyoos this week to open dialogue on Canada/U-S water concerns.

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