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Dear Neighbors,

It has been a long time since the last letter and I apologize for not keeping you up-to-date.

Last May, I sent the initial application to the State of Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, requesting their consideration of issuing a permit for purchase of fish to control the weed growth in our lake.

After some weeks, they responded with additional forms for completion, including one to state that the drain of the lake was modified with a screen so that these fish could not leave the containment of the body of water. Once those forms were returned, the state required inspection of the grating installed on the north end overflow, which passed, and it was not until July 23 that the final permit was finally issued. Whew!...

I took a couple of weeks calling various "Fish Farms" to determine the best pricing for the purchase of the allocated (x20) Fresh Water Traploid Grass Carp. Once I decided, it was another two weeks before the fish were of sufficient size to release into the lake.

This Thursday, twenty "Traploid Grass Carp" were released into the lake. I am sure that it will be some time before we notice any improvement in the growth, although I believe that we should give this "natural" weed control a chance before considering pouring additional chemicals into the water.

You will note that I am returning all payments previously received. Since the lake has not improved as of yet, I do not want to have anybody feel that their investment was misrepresented. I have made all payments, 50% of the original chemical treatment and payment for the 20 fish/delivery, out of my own pocket. If at a later date, providing improvements are recognized, should you decide to again contribute, your support will be graciously accepted.

Respectfully yours,

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