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MINK MEADOWS POND CYANOBACTERIA BLOOM UPDATE **August 2, 2023**

A visible algae bloom was identified in Mink Meadows Pond on Monday, July 11, 2023, confirmed by fluorometric analysis, and an advisory was immediately posted at the one public access point advising the public to avoid contact with the water.

Results from the cyanotoxin assay of water samples taken from the pond on July 11th were received on August 1st and showed a microcystin value of 11.31 ug/L, which is well above the state-designated recreational water health advisory level of 8 ug/L.

This level could cause illness so people and pets should not swim, wade or come in contact with the water, scum, foam or algae at Mink Meadows Pond.

Seek medical attention if you or family members are experiencing illness after contact with the water. Exposure to concentrations of cyanotoxins higher than the state's guideline values could cause adverse health effects including upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea and may potentially result in more serious illnesses, including liver or kidney damage.

Animals may be vulnerable to adverse health effects at the detected levels. Contact a veterinarian immediately if animals have come in contact with pond water or show signs of illness.

Toxin levels remain high for a period of time after a visual bloom has dissipated so as a precaution the advisory will remain in effect for at least 2 weeks after algae levels have returned to normal, or non-bloom levels.