HAB Visual Observation Reference Sheet

Use the following images to identify harmful algal bloom (HAB) conditions on your lake:

- If you observe shoreline HAB conditions, please complete the shoreline survey form and collect a sample.
- If you do not observe HAB conditions, please complete the survey form indicating no bloom observed.

Harmful Algal Bloom



A. Spilled paint appearance on surface



D. Green dots or clumps on or in the water



B. Pea soup appearance within the water



C. Streaks (usually green) on the water



D. Green dots or clumps on or in the water



A, B, C and D. Multiple conditions present at once

Not a Harmful Algal Bloom

Do Not Collect a HAB Sample



E. Bubbling scums on or below the lake surface



F. Slight greenish or brownish tint to the water



G. Duckweed or watermeal

I. No evidence of bloom