

**Staff Report | February 28, 2018**

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**Grant Updates**

* AIS Grant #5 has $52,849.63 remaining, which we anticipate will carry the program through 2018.
* Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) Iron River received an advance payment of $5,000 and can spend up to $20,000
* Clean Boats Clean Waters-Lake Superior received an advance payment of $4,000 and can spend up to $16,000
* The Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area grant for the Boat Wash Unit has $14,864.22. These funds are mostly for the operation of the boat wash unit itself, though some can go to the Northwoods CWMA Coordinator for coordinating, and to maintenance

**Activities Report**

* Applied for and received Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) grants for CBCW-Iron River totaling $20,000 and CBCW-Lake Superior totaling $16,000
* Filed for final reimbursement on CBCW-Iron River and CBCW-Lake Superior grants. Reimbursements have already been received in full and processed.
* Filed partial reimbursement for DNR AIS Grant #5 with loads of help from Melissa-reimbursement pending DNR approval
* Attended two meetings with stakeholders regarding the Lake Namakagon Aquatic Plant Management Plan, and helped strategize how to manage and monitor invasive hybrid watermilfoil and other invasive species
* Attended Zebra Mussel Strategy workshop in Spooner-this focused on disinfecting boats and equipment, research into zebra mussel mortality in live wells and ballast bags given certain conditions, and partner efforts across the northwestern part of WI
* Set up table at Northland College to recruit applicants for our CBCW program (the Northland College Job Fair was cancelled this year). Ramona has also decided to set up a display on 2/28/18 to recruit more people.
* Collaborated with Susan Nelson at US Forest Service to plan and create Invasive Species ID Days and the Student Science Research Symposium; discussed and pursued funding sources

**Future Activities**

* Advertising for, interviewing, and hiring interns to conduct CBCW watercraft inspections and operate the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area boat wash unit. We are seeking four interns.
* Statewide AIS Coordinator and Cooperative Weed Management Area meetings at Beaver Creek Reserve near Eau Claire March 5-7, 2018
* Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention, Holiday Inn Express in Stevens Point, April 18-20, 2018
* State level Citizen Lake Monitoring Network/CBCW Train The Trainer workshop, Arbor Vitae Town Hall in Vilas County, May 10, 2018
* Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester MN, October 15-18, 2018
* Kids Fishing Day, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, June 2, 2018
* Invasive Species ID Days: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 17, September 21, October 12