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Steve Miller, President Lower Turtle Lake Management District 310 Jesse James Lane Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Subject: Lower Turtle Lake Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan Approval Request

Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your efforts to understand, protect, and improve Lower Turtle Lake! This letter is to notify you that the 2020-2024 Aguatic Plant Management (APM) Plan meets the criteria under Administrative Code NR 198.43 and thus the DNR has approved the APM Plan.

Approved management activities in the plan and outlined below are eligible for funding under the Surface Water Grants program subject to the application requirements of the program.

Approved management recommendations include the following:

- 1. AIS prevention and monitoring activities
- 2. Species-specific AIS monitoring and management activities provided they meet DNR guidelines and Administrative Code requirements
- 3. Educational activities involving AIS, lake stewardship, aquatic plants, shoreline health, etc.

Please note: Aquatic plant control for the purposes of nuisance relief or navigation are *not* eligible for grant funding. The Department reserves the right to inspect nuisance or navigation conditions prior to permitting aquatic plant management activities. Prior to issuing a harvesting permit, the Department will work with the Lower Turtle Lake Management District to approve specific harvesting lanes following a summer assessment of the Lower Turtle Lake plants.

Thanks to you and the lake community for continuing your efforts to protect and improve the Lower Turtle Lake.

Sincerely,

Alex Smith Lake Biologist

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