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Dear Pamela,

I am writing to express support for Douglas County Land & Water Conservation Department's project called "Stop the Spiny Multi-County Prevention Campaign". We at Bayfield County are concerned about the risk of spiny waterflea introduction to inland waterbodies and additional spread within Lake Superior itself. We are on board with this multi-county partnership and inter-county cooperation to better aid interstate AIS programs. This is due to the movement of boat traffic between Bayfield and Douglas Counties and the mutual threat posed by this species that county lines by themselves will not prevent.

This Stop the Spiny Project would increase our ability to spotlight an additional, specific species to boaters at boat launches, particularly high-use landings with Clean Boats Clean Waters programs. It would also enable us to train lake association members and watercraft inspectors on identification and prevention through presentations.

We hope you will consider approving and funding Douglas County's Surface Water Grant application.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Teal".

Andy Teal
AIS Coordinator
Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Department