



October 22, 2021

Mr. Al Bochler  
Via Email

Subject: Pike Chain Aquatic Plant Management Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Bochler:

Thank you for your efforts to understand and manage the Pike Chain of Lakes, Bayfield County. This letter is to notify you that the DNR approves the 2021 Pike Chain of Lakes Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan). Management recommendations specified below are eligible for funding under NR193 Surface Water Grants, subject to the application requirements of the program.

Approved management recommendations include the following:

1. AIS prevention and education activities, including watercraft inspection and boat decontamination.
2. Aquatic plant and water quality monitoring.
3. AIS control, depending on contingencies below.
4. Other activities identified in the Plan, including stakeholder surveys, shoreland restoration demonstration sites and Healthy Lakes & Rivers projects.

The Eurasian watermilfoil herbicide treatment criteria on Page 76 are somewhat vague. Final management decisions and chemical control permit issuance will require ongoing tribal input. Also, the DNR has a process in place to coordinate with tribal partners to avoid herbicide treatments conflicting with tribal harvest. It is possible treatment timing may be changed due to this process. We suggest an annual winter meeting to discuss and finalize treatment plans and encourage you and your consultant to submit the annual control strategy described in the Plan as early as possible to provide adequate time for these discussions.

Thanks to you and the lake community for your continued efforts. Please contact me (715-635-4073) if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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