



February 2, 2015

Dan Genereau, Chairman
Rice Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
P.O. Box 446
Rice Lake, WI 54868

Subject: Rice Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan Approval Request

Dear Mr. Genereau,

Thank you for your efforts to understand, protect, and improve Rice Lake! This letter is to notify you that the APM Plan, dated January 2015, meets the criteria under Administrative Code NR 198.43 and thus DNR has approved the APM Plan. Approved management activities as outlined in the Plan, and summarized below, are eligible for funding under Lake Management Planning, Lake Protection and Classification, and Aquatic Invasive Species grants subject to the application requirements of those programs.

Approved management recommendations include the following:

1. AIS prevention activities including watercraft inspection and AIS monitoring
2. Species-specific AIS monitoring and control, provided it meets DNR guidelines and specifications outlined in the approved plan
3. AIS and lake educational activities

Please note: Aquatic plant control for the purposes of nuisance relief or navigation are *not* eligible grant activities, and the Department reserves the right to inspect nuisance conditions prior to permitting any management of native plants. Also, the following activities that are listed in Appendix B – Implementation Matrix are not grant eligible:

- Since harvesting isn't grant eligible, providing aid to landowners to remove fragments from harvesting and GPS tracking for harvesting aren't grant eligible
- CLMN water quality monitoring time is not grant eligible since that program is funded with state dollars
- Ongoing District administrative duties (voicemail, postings, webpage updates, etc.) are not grant eligible

Thanks to you and the lake community for your efforts to protect and improve Rice Lake.

Sincerely,

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