



October 19, 2017

Joan Leedy
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Subject: Deer Lake Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan Approval Request

Dear Ms. Leedy,

Thank you for your efforts to understand, protect, and improve Deer Lake! This letter is to notify you that the Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan dated July 2017, meets the criteria under Administrative Code NR 198.43 and thus DNR has approved the APM Plan. Approved management activities in the plan and outlined 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
2. AIS monitoring activities including professional and volunteer monitoring
3. Species-specific AIS monitoring and management, provided it meets DNR guidelines and approval specifications
4. Educational activities including AIS workshops, signage, etc.

Please note: Sediment sampling data from June 2017 show that the sediments in Deer Lake have copper concentrations that are exceeding the consensus based Probable Effect Concentration of 149 mg/kg. Therefore, the algaecide treatment activities under Goal 4 are *not approved* and the Department requests that those activities be removed from the Plan.

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 or navigation conditions prior to permitting the treatment of aquatic plants.

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

Sincerely,

Alex Smith
Lake Biologist

CC: Mark Sundeen, Mark Hazaga, Aaron Cole, Victoria Zeigler – WDNR
Cheryl Clemens – Harmony Environmental