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Mr. Ed Wink Via Email

> Subject: Horseshoe Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan Approval

Dear Mr. Wink:

Thank you for your efforts to understand and manage Horseshoe Lake, Washburn County. This letter is to notify you that the DNR approves the Horseshoe Lake 2022-2026 Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan), which had a revised "Management Matrix" shared with us on 21 February 2022. 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, with the exception noted below.
- 4. Other activities identified in the Plan.

Some herbicide spot treatments (e.g. 2,4-d formulations on beds less than 5 acres in size) have been determined ineligible for AIS control grant funding in the past. It is possible as new science emerges, herbicide control of small treatment areas will be similarly determined ineligible for control grant funding. These decisions are often made at the statewide level and beyond local control.

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

Sincerely yours,

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