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Subject: Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lakes Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan) Approval Request

Dear Mr. Erspamer,

Thank you for your efforts to understand, protect, and improve Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lakes! This letter is to notify you that the APM Plan submitted in 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's timetable 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 activities include the following:

1. AIS prevention activities including watercraft inspection and volunteer monitoring
2. Lake and AIS educational activities
3. Lake and AIS monitoring and management planning

Please note: Aquatic plant or algae 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 control of aquatic plants or algae. Mechanical plant harvesting of both AIS and native aquatic plants is *not* a grant eligible activity. A specific harvest plan and map detailing the size and location of channels will be developed following a summer field visit with DNR Biologists prior to allowing the harvesting of native plants.

Thanks to you and the lake community for continuing to work hard to protect Wapogasset and Bear Trap Lakes.

Sincerely yours,



Alex Smith
Lakes Biologist

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