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Mr. Ed Collova, President  
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Subject: Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Application

Dear Mr. Collova,

Unfortunately, the Department cannot accept the Yellow Lake Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP) Control grant application for an Aquatic Invasive Species Established Population Control Grant (Grant). We have determined the application to be ineligible for this funding opportunity.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Control Grants administrative code NR 198.42 specifies that projects of this type include "A department-approved project recommendation included in a management plan adopted by the sponsor for the control of aquatic invasive species and the protection and improvement of aquatic resources." The Yellow and Little Yellow Lakes and Yellow River Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan) currently provides for monitoring to determine the need to control CLP. To be eligible for the Grant, first the monitoring must demonstrate the need. Second, the Plan then needs to include a strategy for managing the CLP. The current, approved Plan provides for the monitoring, but it does not include a specific Plan for management, including a treatment strategy. The only treatment specified in this Plan (Goal 5) is to maintain navigation channels, with up to \$6000 allocated to 2011. Seasonal nuisance relief like navigation channels is not an eligible Grant activity/cost. The Grant application and proposal drafted by Bonestroo Inc. includes activities such as large-scale curlyleaf pondweed control on Little Yellow Lake rather than monitoring to determine treatment necessity. In other words, the activities in the Grant proposal are not described in your approved Plan. We suggest you review your Plan and reapply for funding activities that are approved by the Department. In the future, the AIS Education, Prevention and Planning sub-category would be the more appropriate to fund the activities in your approved Plan. The next grant deadline is August 1, 2011.

We appreciate your efforts to understand and manage Yellow Lake and look forward to helping you do so in the future. Please feel free to contact Pamela at (715) 635-4073 with administrative questions and Frank Koshere at (715) 392-0807 with technical questions.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Pamela Toshner in black ink.

Pamela Toshner  
Lake & River Management Coordinator

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Frank Koshere  
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