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DIRECTOR

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VIA E-MAIL

Dear Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Permit Applicants and Lake Managers:

SUBJECT: Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Fee Increase Beginning in 2022

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has demonstrated, by maintaining the same annual fees from 2014 -2021 in the ANC Program, that fees will only be increased in this program when necessary. The ANC Program fully uses its budget allocation of six staff to protect public health and the environment while helping to ensure that aquatic invasive species and nuisance algae and aquatic plant conditions are properly controlled. The ANC Program conducts vital permit reviews on a timely basis to meet Part 33, Aquatic Nuisance Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). In addition, high quality permits can only occur with a strong compliance program.

Part 33 offers EGLE the opportunity to annually assess, and if needed, increase ANC annual permit fees. Since the initiation of this fee language in 2014, EGLE has kept the same annual ANC permit fees. Fiscal year (FY) 2022 is proving to be different. In order to maintain an effective ANC Program by issuing high quality permits, conducting a strong compliance program, and participating in education and outreach, fees need to be increased in FY2022. The following presents a summary of EGLE's process to determine the annual permit fee increase needed to maintain a successful ANC Program.

Fees are calculated based on the following considerations:

- Program cost of \$900,000 as increased yearly based on inflation. EGLE assumed a conservative three percent rate of inflation for FY2022 (the percentage is likely to be higher).
- A goal to maintain a fund balance at the end of each year of \$100,000 (note that this year, EGLE expects the fund balance to be approximately \$70,000).
- A formula to ensure that the ratio of cost of fees in the program stays the same when we increase fees. For example, the ratio of a \$1,500 permit to a \$75 permit will stay the same after any fee increase.
- The number of ANC permits, and the fraction of each type of permit from the previous year are used.
- A consideration of general funds in the formula. At this time, no general funds are allocated to the ANC Program.

Based upon the above considerations, EGLE proposed the following fee change to Michigan Aquatic Managers Association (MAMA) in August 2021.

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Current Fee	Proposed Fee EGLE	% Fee Change
\$75	\$82	9%
\$200	\$219	9%
\$400	\$436	9%
\$800	\$873	9%
\$1,500	\$1,637	9%

MAMA responded with the following proposed fee changes.

Current Fee	Proposed Fee MAMA	% Fee Change
\$75	\$80	7%
\$200	\$225	13%
\$400	\$450	13%
\$800	\$875	9%
\$1,500	\$1,600	7%

As the proposed fee from EGLE and MAMA would result in very similar estimated annual revenue, EGLE is moving forward with the fee increases as proposed by MAMA.

EGLE will implement the following fee changes for permit applications received on or after November 1, 2021. Fee changes will not be retroactive. If a permittee has multiyear permit coverage, annual fees will remain at the 2021 fees until the permit is reissued.

2021 Fees	2022 Fees
\$75	\$80
\$200	\$225
\$400	\$450
\$800	\$875
\$1,500	\$1,600

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If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Amanda Bosak, Supervisor, Water Quality and Aquatic Nuisance Control Permits Unit, Permits Section, WRD, at 517-599-9820 or BosakA@Michigan.gov; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Argiroff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Ms. Amanda Bosak, EGLE