



April 4, 2013

Dear Lakeshore Property Owner,

This is to alert you to the fact that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has introduced legislation to increase the Aquatic Plant Management Permit fees. They are suggesting raising the permit fees from \$35.00 per homeowner to \$90.00 per homeowner. If this is signed into law, the new fee structure would start in 2014.

How could this new rule affect your lake association?

Under the current rules: If your lake association pays for the Aquatic Plant Management permit, they pay \$35.00 per home or a maximum of \$750.00 for the Aquatic Plant Management permit. So once your lake association has 22 people on the permit, the association has maxed out at the \$750 permit maximum. Additional homes on the permit do not cost the association more money.

Under the proposed rules: If your lake association pays for the Aquatic Plant Management permit, they would be paying \$90.00 per home with **no maximum** for the permit fee. So if your association has 50 homes on the permit, the new permit fee would be \$90.00 per home x 50 homes = \$4,500 for the same permit they were accustomed to paying \$750.00 for.

What can you do as a Minnesota lakeshore property owner?

A hearing on this matter is going to be happening in the House on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 PM. Contact Chad Hadler if you are interested in attending to voice your concern in person. You can also send a letter, e-mail, or call your state senator and representative to tell them that you are strongly opposed to the increase in the Aquatic Plant Management Permit fees. The language of the proposed legislation is outlined in DNR budget bills HF976 and SF1170.

Sincerely,

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A listing of who you can contact to voice your concerns.

To determine who your local representatives are, click on the following link.

<http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>

To read the House version of the bill and to contact the authors of the bill, click on the following link.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?b=House&f=HF976&ssn=0&y=2013>

To read the Senate version of the bill and to contact the authors of the bill, click on the following link.

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?f=SF1170&y=2013&ssn=0&b=senate>