



**Board of Directors
MARCH 28, 2009 AGENDA**

TO: Board of Directors
PREPARED BY: John P. Rutledge, General Manager
SUBMITTED BY: Karen Vander Meyden
SUBJECT: Adoption of Invasive Species Control Policy

SYNOPSIS:

An Invasive Species Control Policy has been prepared.

FISCAL /STAFFING STATEMENT:

The implementation on this policy will have a direct financial impact on the Arrowhead Lake Association as species of concern are identified. The Quagga Mussels have impacted this budget for the coming year in an amount in excess of \$25,000 for additional staffing, public education and supplies.

BACKGROUND:

Invasive species, both flora and fauna are a recurring threat to our lake. We are presently battling Eurasian Milfoil (lake weed) and increasing our vigilance regarding Quagga and Zebra Mussels. Staff has received notification of several other species which have similar potentials. Accordingly, the following policy is offered for consideration:

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Arrowhead Lake Association to protect Lake Arrowhead from invasive species that have the potential of adversely impacting the ecology of the lake and to adopt such procedures as are necessary to accomplish this goal. Such procedures may include, but are not limited to the inspection of boats being launched onto Lake Arrowhead, chemical and biologic control of invasive species and prohibition of boats and equipment from unknown locations. Procedures may change as determined by ALA staff and with the permission of the general manager.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Lake Safety and Activities Committee recommends adoption of this policy.