

March 11, 2025

Spencer McGrew
Chair
Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee
Via email to: smcgrew@ottertailcounty.gov

SUBJECT: Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee letter dated February 20, 2025

Dear Mr. McGrew:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee dated February 20, 2025, regarding proposed cuts to the County Local AIS Prevention Aid administered through the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

We are aware of these proposed reductions in the Governor's budget, and we anticipate that there will be more conversation about this proposal during the legislative session. As those conversations occur, DNR intends to highlight the importance of AIS prevention work across Minnesota and the essential state/local partnerships that make that work successful. We also welcome your participation in the legislative process.

Thank you for your service on the Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

Please don't hesitate to contact Heidi Wolf at 651-392-0974 or heidi.wolf@state.mn.us if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Sarah Strommen
Commissioner