



LEILANI CRAFTS ULRICH
Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Richard Weber, Deputy Director-Regulatory Programs

DATE: November 4, 2015

RE: General Permit 2015G-2 Management of Aquatic Invasive Species Using Benthic Barriers and Hand Harvesting Techniques

Please find attached the above-referenced, proposed general permit, along with the authorized user application and certification to use proposed General Permit 2015G-2. Pursuant to 9 NYCRR § 572.23, staff recommend Agency approval of the proposed general permit through adoption of the attached Order.

The 30-day public comment period on proposed General Permit 2015G-2 expired on November 3, 2015. Staff do not recommend any changes to the proposed general permit based on the public comments received (copies attached).

This proposed general permit will authorize the management of aquatic invasive species throughout the Adirondack Park by qualified individuals or entities. The general permit is limited to two management techniques: benthic barriers and hand-harvesting.

Two types of users are expected to use the proposed general permit. Entities such as the Department of Environmental Conservation, Lake George Park Commission, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program, qualified lake associations, and local municipalities will use the general permit to manage aquatic invasive species. In addition, individuals such as certified lake managers and experienced lake managers, subject to approval the Deputy Director-Regulatory Programs (“DDRP”), will use the general permit.

Proposed General Permit 2015G-2 provides some regulatory flexibility in the management of aquatic invasive species. Under the general permit, the DDRP would have the discretion to: (1) add new aquatic invasive species to the list of such species in the general permit; (2) authorize certain qualified users of the general permit; and (3) allow more than 3 acres to be treated by benthic barriers in any one treatment area. This discretion would be exercised based on facts provided by applicants and based on a recommendation from the RASS supervisor.

Attachments