

**\*DON'T BE LEFT OUT\***

This is a reminder that the DCLA needs your information! We are applying for 3 grants that you can participate in. Only 1 costs you money.

THE DCLA IS DOING THE WORK FOR YOU IN GETTING THE WORD OUT and adding the signs. At least let us know that you want to participate.

First grant: DNR signs at accesses...all we need is how many signs(see below) you want and how many parking spaces you have at your access. Signs can be viewed via the previous e mail. No money from you.

[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic\\_invasive/aq\\_inv\\_prevention.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/aquatic_invasive/aq_inv_prevention.html)

2. Watercraft inspection: to be proactive in our quest to contain the zebra mussels ( and other AIS in their home lakes, is your assn willing to put any money into a pool to fund water craft inspections at infested lakes. All we need is yes and how much \$.Any amount is appreciated as the DNR will match our collected amount.

3. Public awareness grant for additional billboards and other marketing materials..this is an FYI.

The only requirement is that someone comes to the session Jan 8th at 4:00 at the Public Works Building to let us know. We will be writing the grant there. Or if you cannot make that meeting just e mail me your information.

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**\*DNR\*\* Grant Application for\***

**\*Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Signs\*\*\***

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**\*Purpose and Process\***

Placing Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers signs at public water accesses is a key public awareness strategy to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the state. It is desired to have Stop Aquatic hitchhikers signs at all accesses in the state. The DNR posts signs at its accesses and is seeking local partners to help place signage at other public and private water accesses in the state.

The DNR will make two types of signs (standard and large) available to successful applicants at no cost if they agree to post them. These signs can be used at both public and private water accesses on uninfested and infested waters. The applicant will need to arrange for permission to post and post the signs at water accesses described in their application. The number of signs provided to each successful applicant will depend upon

the number of lakes and accesses in the project.

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**\*Standard Signs\*** - Generally, two 18" x 24" Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers signs (see right) are posted at each access — one at the prep area and one in the tie down area. If the prep and tie down areas are the same, then only one sign is necessary. The 18" x 24" signs will be provided for every access where they are needed and have been authorized by the access owner. At infested waters, the DNR will also provide the orange 18" x 24" Invasive Species Alert signs for use at non-DNR access. These signs are intended to be placed next to the water, so one per access should be adequate.

**\*Large Signs\*** – Large signs have been developed for use at high priority accesses. These 3' x 4' Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers signs (see below) can be used at an access in place of one of the standard signs. These signs also have companion 1' x 4' signs that are placed above them – one for infested waters and one for uninfested waters. These were developed for use where there is: 1) local interest in larger signs; and 2) at high use infested waters. A limited quantity of these signs will be made available through the sign grants. The **\*DNR\*** will provide one large sign per access, per lake, and up to a maximum of five signs per lake.\* Local groups can have their organization name added to the bottom of the sign. If local groups want to obtain more large signs than are available through the grants, or for accesses with fewer than ten parking stalls, they may purchase them from DNR.