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Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, APA
FROM: Kathy Regan, APA
DATE: March 1, 2018
RE: Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on DEC Administered Lands of the Adirondack Park.

For Agency Board consideration pursuant to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan), staff propose amendments to Appendix F of the APA/DEC MOU on implementation of the Master Plan entitled: "Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices for the Control of Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park." Appendix F is included on the CD for the March Agency mailing.

In January 2018, Department and Agency staff presented the Agency Board with an initial draft of the proposed amendments to Appendix F and requested authorization to make them available for public comment until February 16, 2018. The proposed amendments to Appendix F include the addition of:

- Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the control of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, including prophylactic treatment of surrounding uninfested trees;
- A 10-acre threshold for Early Detection and Rapid Response of forest pests;
- BMPs for additional terrestrial plant species; and
- BMPs for control of aquatic invasive plants authorized under Agency general permits.

During the public comment period, staff received one comment on the draft amendments, which is provided on the CD included in the mailing and is the subject of an attached joint memorandum from Department and Agency staff.

Agency staff recommend adoption of the attached, draft resolution determining that the proposed amendments to Appendix F of the APA/DEC MOU are consistent with the Master Plan and directing the Agency Chairman to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination.

Attachments