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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, APA
Kathy Moser, DEC

FROM: Kathy Regan, APA
Karyn Richards, DEC

DATE: February 26, 2018

RE: Response to Public Comments for Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Terrestrial and Aquatic Invasive Species on DEC Administered Lands of the Adirondack Park

In January 2018, Department and Agency staff presented the Agency Board with an initial draft of proposed amendments to Appendix F of the APA/DEC MOU on implementation of the Adirondack Park State Land 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," 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 commended staff for recommending this action. No changes have been made to the draft amendments to Appendix F since their presentation to the Agency Board.