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To: Kathy Hamel  
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Regarding: Aquatic Noxious Weed Management General Permit changes

Dear Ms. Hamel,

It has come to our attention that the state legislature is considering significantly changing the Aquatic Noxious Weed Management General Permit. As stewards of one of Washington's beautiful lakes, this board is concerned about the effect of the changes on compliance and subsequent effect of maintaining a healthy lake ecosystem.

Our primary goal as a board of directors for our community is to maintain a beautiful and healthy lake environment that is enjoyed by the many residents of Lake Marcel. The changes would increase fees which could make compliance cost prohibitive, resulting in non-compliance not only for us, but I am sure for many other lakes in our area. As the intention of the Noxious Weed Control Program is to: "... provide benefits to the environment, recreation, public health and economic resources of King County by preventing and minimizing harmful impacts of noxious weeds." An increase in the required permit fee would seem to counteract this goal.

Furthermore, we at Lake Marcel treated noxious weeds in 2008 and 2009, but not in 2010 and 2011, but still paid a permit fee of \$400 dollars or more per year. It does not appear we should be required to pay a fee for years we do not treat, and now the permitting fee may potentially double. Additionally in section S8.A.2 of the draft we would also have to submit a monitoring report and have our water lab tested, even in the years we do not need to treat. In these tough economic times, we cannot ask our community members to approve such an increase to our budget. Consequently, it would seem that this new permit draft must meet the needs of those who will be most affected by it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Robison  
On behalf of the Lake Marcel Community Club Board of Directors  
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