

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN
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Resolution # _____
Exotic Aquatic Species

WHEREAS, there are over 15,000 lakes and 32,000 miles of fresh water rivers and streams and numerous public wetlands within the State of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, these fresh water resources belong to all citizens of the State as guaranteed by the State Constitution and affirmed by numerous court rulings, and

WHEREAS, these water resources are the backbone of Wisconsin's \$11.7 billion tourist industry which ranks as the third largest industry in the State, and

WHEREAS, the invasion of exotic aquatic species of plant and animal life have detrimentally impacted a significant percentage of the State's water resources, thereby reducing their quality, desirability and ability to provide recreational, economic, subsistence and cultural opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the Public Trust Doctrine mandates that the State of Wisconsin has the responsibility for protecting these public water resources for its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin exercise its legal responsibility by establishing a reliable, renewable and adequate funding stream and aggressive policies for research, prevention, best management practices and public education for currently identified and future exotic aquatic plant and animal species in the State's natural water resources.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2003

_____ Jim Wendt, Chairman

_____ Lee Holthaus, Supervisor

_____ Ed Odette, Supervisor

_____ Peggy Nimz, Supervisor

_____ Ted Ritter, Supervisor