



Meeting Notice

Aquatic Weed Management Fund Grant Workshops

Funding Cycle

The Department of Ecology is pleased to announce the opening of the Fiscal Year 2001 funding cycle for the Aquatic Weed Management Fund (AWMF). Approximately \$300,000 will be available on a competitive basis for freshwater aquatic plant projects this funding cycle and \$100,000 will be reserved for early infestation projects. The application period will begin October 1, 2000 and end November 1, 2000. Grant applications must be received by Ecology by 5:00 p.m. on November 1. Early infestation grants are offered on a first-come-first-served basis and are available year-round.

The AWMF provides grants to counties, cities, state agencies, Tribes, and special purpose districts to reduce the spread of freshwater weeds and to manage the problems these weeds cause. The types of activities funded include: planning, education, monitoring, implementation, pilot/demonstration projects, and mapping and surveillance projects.

In September, Ecology will conduct public workshops to help local governments and others eligible for funding understand the grant program and application procedures. Participants will receive assistance in completing application forms and determining eligibility requirements. These workshops are open to the public and will be held at the locations listed below. If you are unable to attend a workshop, you can obtain a grant application and guidelines from Kathy Hamel (e-mail address: kham461@ecy.wa.gov or phone: (360) 407-6562). The grant guidelines are available at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/grants/index.html>

Public Workshop Schedule

You are invited to attend one of the following public workshops:

SPOKANE Thursday, September 21, 2000
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Eastern Regional Office
Second Floor Conference Room
North 4601 Monroe Street, Suite 100
Spokane

LACEY Tuesday, September 26, 2000
10:00 a.m. to noon
Lacey Ecology Building, Room 2B-09
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey

Program Requirements

- Grant applicants are required to provide up to 25 percent of the eligible project costs as match to state funds. Funds awarded for projects to control aquatic weed growth can only be used for waterbodies that have public boat launching facilities or are designated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as fly fishing only lakes.
- Funds are limited to \$30,000 (state share) for planning grants and \$75,000 (state share) for other projects. Each applicant is limited to \$75,000 per annual grant cycle and \$75,000 for early infestation projects.
- Projects dealing with noxious aquatic weeds such as Eurasian watermilfoil, Brazilian elodea, and purple loosestrife receive funding priority.
- In waterbodies with well-established populations of non-native, invasive aquatic plants, the development of an integrated aquatic plant management plan is required before grants can be awarded for implementation (control projects). However, grants are available for the development of integrated aquatic plant management plans.

For More Information

For more information about the public workshops or directions to the workshops, please contact:

Kathy Hamel
Department of Ecology
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
(360) 407-6405; e-mail kham461@ecy.wa.gov



Department of Ecology
Water Quality Program
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600