

Petition:

PRESERVE OUR PUBLIC LAKES FOR FISHING AND BOATING

STOP THE SPREAD OF NON-NATIVE INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS

A petition of: _____ (Name of Organization)
representing _____ supporting member/households.

To: State Rep _____

State Senator _____

Governor: Charlie Baker

Whereas Chapter 91 of Massachusetts general laws stipulate that all Great Ponds in Massachusetts are held in trust by the state for public use and

Whereas Massachusetts lakes, ponds and Great Ponds are vital resources to the environment and the economy and

Whereas invasive aquatic species pose an existential threat to these ponds by displacing native plants and species, reducing biodiversity, greatly hampering recreational use, reducing water quality, reducing real estate values and diminishing aesthetic values and

Whereas volunteer, non-profit 501c3 lake associations across Massachusetts are currently funding the cost to control and manage these invasive aquatic species often on state owned, state controlled public ponds and waterways and

Whereas the costs to control non-native invasive species are rising beyond the fiscal means of these volunteer organizations then:

We petition that the Government of Massachusetts accept its responsibility to preserve and protect its public waterways by providing programs and grant funding to local municipalities and lake associations specifically to treat, manage and prevent the further spread of invasive aquatic species.

Agreed upon by:

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Title	Date