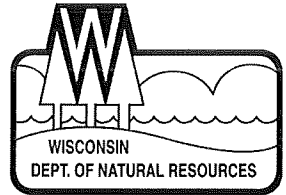


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November 30, 2015

Dr. Tim Rose, Chairman  
Fox River Navigational System Authority  
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Dear Dr. Rose and FRNSA Board:

The Department of Natural Resources is pleased to provide you with a conditional approval for the transfer station at Rapide Croche pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 237.10(2). We thank you and your contractors for working with us to ensure the various components of the transfer station plan meet our strict guidelines for preventing the transfer of aquatic invasive species.

The following components represent our conditions:

1. Monitoring work for invasive species will continue as proposed and the results will be shared with the WDNR as soon as they become available. This includes the monitoring above and below the Rapide Croche lock for invasive species and out into the Bay of Green Bay regarding the water flea resting eggs.
2. Studies regarding the effectiveness of the hot water treatment will continue and the results will be shared with WDNR as soon as the results become available. This includes the studies on materials. If the results of those studies indicate that the hot water treatment proposed in the plan is not effective, the Department's conditional approval would be withdrawn.
3. Construction designs will be shared with WDNR to ensure that the project can be permitted and that it addresses the AIS concerns effectively. Designs should be shared at the 30-60-90% mark or more frequently as needed. If the project cannot be permitted or if the project does not address the AIS concerns effectively, the Department's conditional approval would be withdrawn.

With this conditional approval we encourage you to work further on your design of the facility. Please keep me apprised of new designs, all monitoring results, and other work associated with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jean Romback-Bartels'.

Jean Romback-Bartels  
Secretary's Director

Cc: Kurt Thiede – Deputy Secretary  
Cate Zeuske – Dept. of Administration