

## Rules and Regulations/Policy Revisions Concerning Invasive Species

### ADD SECTION 5.5 Invasive Species Protection

(a.) Definitions:

- a. Water related equipment: Water-related equipment means a motor vehicle, boat, watercraft, dock, boat lift, raft, vessel, trailer, tool, implement, device, or any other associated equipment or container, including but not limited to portable bait containers, live wells, ballast tanks, bilge areas, and water-hauling equipment that is capable of containing or transporting aquatic invasive species, aquatic plants, or water.
- b. Invasive species: Any or all plant and animal species capable of rapidly reproducing and invading the environment due to the lack of other species or simple controls that occur with the “invasive” species in their native environments. For the purposes of this rule, aquatic invasive species include at a minimum: zebra or quagga mussels, various species of Asian carp, Eurasian water milfoil, and other aquatic species that may become so classified.
- c. Baitfish: any species of fish used for bait
- d. Infected: Any vessel or water-related equipment containing within or without identifiable adult or juvenile forms of any designated invasive species.
- e. Temporary Permits—Boat permits issued for LPN resort guests, timeshare guests, short-term home rental boats or guests of members of the LPA that are, by definition, only used during the designated periods less than a full season.
- f. Resident Vessels—vessels that remain on or at Lake Panorama and/or the Middle Raccoon River. This may include trailered vessels used exclusively on Lake Panorama.
- g. Non-resident Vessels—Any member or non-member owned vessels trailered and/or used at any water bodies other than Lake Panorama and/or the Middle Raccoon River.

(b.) All vessels that obtain temporary or full boat permits, whether member-owned, timeshare, guest boats, resort boats, or fishing contest guests, or other temporary guests and all water-related equipment are subject to Iowa law regulating the transfer of invasive species, plus Lake Panorama rules and regulations.

(c.) The LPA reserves the right to inspect any vessel or water-related equipment that is intended to be launched on or installed in the Lake and may prohibit or ban any and all vessels and/or water-related equipment and/or vessel owners or operators from lake usage for violation of these rules. Fines for such violations shall also be a means of enforcement.

(d.) All member and non-members desiring to obtain any type of boat permit or temporarily be on the lake for contests or trials, or who desire to install or utilize other water-related equipment on Lake Panorama, must complete an invasive species questionnaire/ consent form/ brochure that requests information about previous boating locations and water-related equipment usage, and gives invasive species prevention instructions, unless they have been designated as resident lake boaters by virtue of maintaining and operating their vessel(s) solely on Lake Panorama.

1. Members whose boat(s) only are operated on Lake Panorama are considered resident boaters and need not complete the questionnaire, but must certify their vessels are only operated on Lake Panorama. Should a resident lake vessel be removed from the lake and be operated elsewhere, the member is subject to completion of the questionnaire and certification as required of non-resident lake members until such time as one full calendar year has passed.

Members are responsible to notify the LPA of any change of status. Failure to notify a change of status will result in loss of boat permit privileges for one year.

2. Non-Resident vessels owned by timeshare members, non-member resort guests, home renters, member's guest's boats, and any other guest vessels owners or operators must fill out the invasive species questionnaire, certify to the location of previous boating activity, and acknowledge the hazards of invasive species introduction.

3. Any boat that may possibly have been on another water body may be inspected. Any boat that is certified to have been on another water body must be inspected by LPA-designated personnel and must pass the inspection to be allowed a temporary or permanent boating permit or temporary access to the lake.

4. Boats serviced by Coulter's Lake Panorama Marina that are known to be from areas contaminated by invasive species may not be allowed lake access for testing unless the vessel has been certified to have been properly decontaminated by cleaning, draining, drying, and other accepted procedures and timing.

(e.) **Inspections**-- All vessels known or suspected to have been on other water bodies are subject to inspection to detect plants, mud, or animals, whether juvenile or adult forms, on boat, boat trailer, or fishing equipment, or to detect water from other water bodies in live wells, motors, bilge tank,s or ballast tanks.

1. Any vessel or water-related equipment found infected with specimens of adult or juvenile forms of any invasive species shall be immediately banned from operation or installation or use on the lake and quarantined or removed from the development, fined \$500 and reported to the Iowa DNR for further enforcement. For member-owned vessels or water-related equipment, all existing boat permits will be revoked and no new permit shall be issued for a period of one year. Non-member vessels shall be quarantined at an approved location during the period the non-member is staying at Lake Panorama. Non-members shall be permanently banned from vessel usage at Lake Panorama.

2. Member and non-member owned vessels or water-related equipment found to have water in live wells, motors, bilge or ballast tanks, or found to have plant or animal material, including mud, shall be refused boating privileges, reported to the Iowa DNR for further enforcement, and be quarantined away from the lake development until such time as all water has been removed from the boat and all surfaces power-washed with hot water (140 degrees), or tanks and motors dried for a minimum of five days (or in the case of non-members—quarantined until their stay is over.) Members shall be fined \$250. The cleaning, draining, drying and/or other procedures completion shall be certified by LPA or marina personnel.

3. Non-member vessels launched in Lake Panorama and shown to have been in another water body without proper cleaning procedures or emptying of tanks shall be immediately removed from the lake and owner/operators shall be reported to the Iowa DNR for additional enforcement. The vessel and owners/ operators shall be permanently banned from boating on Lake Panorama.

4. Member-owned vessels launched in Lake Panorama and shown to have been in another water body without proper cleaning or drying prior to launch here shall be immediately removed from the lake, fined \$500 by the LPA, and reported to the Iowa DNR for the enforcement of State Law. Boat permits for said vessels shall be immediately revoked and the vessel be banned from the lake for a period of one year.

5. Owners or operators shown to have falsified information on invasive species questionnaires shall be permanently banned from operating vessels on Lake Panorama and all boat permits for the current year revoked.

6. Vessels and owner/operators banned from lake usage or with revoked boat permits shall be restored to lake usage only upon the completion of the time of penalty designated in these rules and by showing proficiency in the knowledge of invasive species introduction by completion of a new user questionnaire and demonstrating a proper inspection of boat and trailer for search for invasive species to designated personnel.

(f.) All member and non-member vessel operators intending to boat on Lake Panorama shall be notified of these regulations through means approved by the general manager including, but not limited to, brochures, signs, email, letters, newspaper articles, website announcements, etc.

(g.) These rules shall be summarized and posted at all boat ramps. Rules posted must include all basic regulations. Signs shall constitute valid notification of these rules.

(h.) No water-related equipment such as boats and lifts previously installed at any other water body shall be moved to or installed at Lake Panorama.

(a.) Water-related equipment shown to have been thoroughly drained, cleaned, dried and treated may be considered for permission to install, but only in the boating season following removal from a previous water body, and only after thorough inspection to confirm clean status.

(i.) Boat stickers of vessels banned from the lake shall be removed and either returned to designated LPA personnel, or destroyed and evidence of destruction provided. No refund of permit fees shall be provided.

(j.) To assist in preventing the spread of invasives species, no invitational activities, tournaments, contests, or demonstrations shall be allowed at Lake Panorama unless explicitly approved by the LPA Board of Directors.

## **Add to 2.2 Guest Privileges**

### **(b) Guest Boats**

Guest Boat Registration

**2. All guest boat owners/operators must abide by invasive species regulations of Section 5.5**

**Add to 2.3 RENTING BY MEMBERS**

(b.) Rental Privileges

**5. All Renter boat owner/operators must abide by invasive species regulations of Section 5.5.**

**Add to 5.1 (e) Inspection of Vessels**

- 1. Inspection may be for vessel specifications, vessel safety equipment, for evidence of invasive species regulation compliance and/or any other purpose regarding legal operation and usage of the vessel or its contents on Lake Panorama waters.**

**Add to 5.2 (h) 3. Boat permits shall only be issued by authorized LPA personnel and are subject to limitations and requirements of the invasive species regulations of Section 5.5**