

## The 2019 Campaign for Watercraft Inspection Funding

Dear Big Sand Lakers,

Thank you so much for jumping right in and getting our campaign off to a terrific start! We were thrilled to see that 22 lake families have already donated \$6,275 toward our \$10,728 goal to cover the cost of watercraft inspection for 2019! WE ONLY HAVE \$4,453 LEFT TO RAISE! [If you haven't already, please make a contribution toward this vital service!](#)

To date, Big Sand Lake remains AIS free, thanks to the diligence of your Big Sand Lake Association. This year, they have planned for 1100 hours of summer watercraft inspection. After the receipt of grants from Hubbard County and Lake Emma Township, the net remaining cost to support the inspections is \$10,728, and they have asked the Charitable Fund Committee to help raise this amount.

### [DONATE NOW](#)

Almost 1,000 lakes and rivers in Minnesota now have some form of AIS infestation. Twelve of them are in Hubbard County. Lakes infested with Eurasian Milfoil or Starry Stonewort are being treated with herbicides costing *hundreds of thousands of dollars*. When a lake becomes infested with Zebra Mussels, there is no effective treatment! **Preventing infestation with watercraft inspection is our best option for protecting Big Sand Lake.**

**Please do your part to protect our beautiful lake by making an online contribution, selecting the "spendable" option. Or, by mailing a check made out to *The Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund* to:**

**Northwest Minnesota Foundation**

**201 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW**

**Bemidji, MN 56601**

**PLEASE WRITE IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK THAT YOUR DONATION IS FOR THE "SPENDABLE" OR "WATERCRAFT INSPECTION" PART OF THE FUND.**

Thank you!

Ann & Chris Hilger

Big Sand Lake Charitable Fund Co-Chairs

P.S. Last year, about half of Big Sand Lake cabin owners made contributions. Please participate!