

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #11

**DATE:** June 28, 2018

**SUBJECT:** **Action:** Request for Extension of Availability of Appropriation  
ML 2014, 5(k) Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies

**PRESENTER:** Don Hickman, Executive Director, Initiative Foundation.

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Councilmember XX for the Council to approve/deny the extension of appropriation availability for ML2014, 5(k) **“Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies”** until June 30, 2020 (one year) to be included in the ML2019 OHF recommendations bill.

### **Background:**

ML2014, 5(k) **“Evaluate Effectiveness of Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Strategies”** was a \$4,040,000 appropriation to the Initiative Foundation to “develop a series of pilot projects to enhance aquatic habitat by preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, including pilot projects conducting education and outreach, inspection and decontamination, enforcement, and other activities. All pilot projects must be conducted on a reimbursement basis and require a match of non-Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars. A required evaluation of results must be funded with Non-Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars. The required evaluation must evaluate the efficacy of inspection and decontamination activities utilized in any of the pilot projects in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.” The appropriation’s current availability is until June 30, 2019.

Additional background material is in the attached Initiative Foundation submission.

**Attachments:** Background sheet, accomplishment plan amendment