

Funding for Vermont AIS Greeter and Management Programs

January 12, 2022 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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The prevention and management of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Vermont Lakes are important shared goals involving lake associations and conservation groups, as well as local governments, and state and federal agencies. Looking into the future, needs for funding are increasing, while some sources of funding are expected to decrease, at least in the near-term. The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) has organized this virtual meeting to discuss this situation from many perspectives, with the goal to inform stakeholders of ideas on how to bridge this funding gap.

Start	Duration (presentation + Q&A)	Topic	Speaker(s)	Content
9:00	5	Welcome: Pat Souzzi, FOVLAP President, and Jack Widness, FOVLAP AIS/Water Quality Committee Chair		
9:05	10+10	Overview of 2021 AIS Survey	Dave Johnson - FOVLAP Director	Summary of 36 responses to AIS Survey open May - July 2021
9:25	10+10	AIS Funding Horizon from DEC	VTDEC Lakes and Ponds Director - Oliver Pierson	Anticipated reductions in AIS Prevention and Management funding, out-of-state boat stickers and other potentially new funding sources
9:45	10+10	Overview of AIS Funding Sources	Kim Jensen - VTDEC Aquatic Invasive Species Manager	All available funding sources for AIS Prevention and Management Funding
10:05	10+10	LCBP AIS Funding	Meg Modley - LCBP Aquatic Invasive Species Management Coordinator	Current and future AIS funding through Lake Champlain Basin Program
10:25 Coffee Break (15)				
10:40	10+10	Role of Conservation Districts in AIS Funding	Cory Ross - District Manager Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District	Consolidation of grants to DEC, Conservation District funding opportunity?

11:00	20	Round Table Discussion - AIS Funding	Glenn Schwartz, Jack Widness, Chris von Alt, Dave Johnson – FOVLAP AIS/WQ Committee	Overviews on approaches to funding for different lake scenarios
11:20	40	Participant Discussion	All	General Q&A
12:00 Adjourn				