

**Memorandum of Understanding
Invasive Aquatic Plant Control
at
Town Bluff Project, B. A. Steinhagen Lake, Texas**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into this 21 day of Sept, 2007, between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Lower Neches Valley Authority, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

ARTICLE I: BACKGROUND, PURPOSE, AND OBJECTIVES

The Lower Neches Valley Authority (LNVA), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Worth District, Town Bluff Project Office, have agreed to work in unison for the control of invasive aquatic vegetation at B. A. Steinhagen Lake, Texas.

ARTICLE II: RESPONSIBILITIES

Lower Neches Valley Authority Agrees to:

- 1) Designate a Coordinator to work with the Town Bluff Project point of contact (POC) and liaison with other organizations (primarily TPWD) in control of invasive aquatic vegetation, including input in drafting a management plan to begin a systematic approach to controlling such vegetation.
- 2) Subject to annual appropriations of funds by its Board of Directors, budget for short- and long-term control of invasive aquatic vegetation to reduce negative impact to industrial water supply, fish and wildlife habitat and recreation at B. A. Steinhagen Lake, and provide other assistance as resources are made available to aid in this control.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Agrees to:

- 1) Designate a Coordinator to work with the Town Bluff Project point of contact (POC) and liaison with other organizations (primarily LNVA) in control of invasive aquatic vegetation, including being the lead agency in drafting a management plan to begin a systematic approach to controlling such vegetation.
- 2) Provide expertise and yearly biological evaluation of control, and provide other assistance as resources are made available to aid in this control.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Worth District, Town Bluff Project, Agrees to:

- 1) Work with Lower Neches Valley Authority and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to draft a management plan to begin a systematic approach to controlling invasive aquatic vegetation.
- 2) Subject to annual appropriations of funds by Congress, budget for short- and long-term control of invasive aquatic vegetation to reduce negative impact to water supply to LNVA, electric power generation to Southwestern Power Administration, fish and

wildlife habitat, and recreation at B. A. Steinhagen Lake, and contribute equipment and personnel as available to aid in this control.


- 3) Provide public with information regarding control methods and location via telephone calls, website, pamphlets, lake maps, etc.

ARTICLE III: CONDITIONS

This proposal serves as an agreement between the Lower Neches Valley Authority, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Worth District, Town Bluff Project. Each party agrees to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This MOU becomes effective with the following signatures and remains in effect until modified or terminated by either party.



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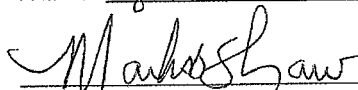


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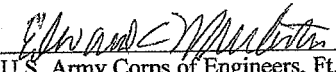
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