



Summary of new by-law 1013-10

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INTRODUCTION

The new regulation entitled "Regulations on the protection of waters against invasive alien species and the protection of banks came into law in March 2011.

By its requirement to obtain a sticker and to use the municipal ramp for the launching of a watercraft, the new regulation replaces the previous regulation that became impractical over the years.

This regulation was developed from a new angle, consistent with recent case law, to wit, protection against invasive species and protection of the banks. The new regulation is similar to what is extant in several other municipalities in Quebec such as St-Adolphe d'Howard, Ste-Agathe, St-Donat, etc. In August 2010, the City Council welcomed the request of APLA to implement such regulation. We hail the commitment of Mayor Laroche and his team and especially the work of Councillor Donald Riendeau.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of said regulation are twofold:

- 1 - Prevent the invasion of the lake by harmful exotic species;
- 2 - Regulate access to Lac de l'Achigan according to the type of watercraft.

The first objective is achieved by requiring the owner of any watercraft, motorized or not, to wash it before launching to prevent the importation of harmful species present in other water bodies. Following this, the owner will be issued the washing certificate needed to obtain the sticker finally required for the launch. The second objective, which is to regulate access to Lac de l'Achigan, is reached by the double obligation: - obtaining a sticker and using the mandatory municipal ramp to access the lake unless otherwise provided.

APPLICATION OF THE REGULATION

It should be noted that the regulation provides that access to Lac de l'Achigan is regulated in accordance with the qualifications of resident and non-resident

BOAT WASH

The municipality has completed the construction of a washing station at the municipal beach. To obtain the washing certificate, users must:

- 1 - Provide information on the ownership of the watercraft, and the specifications of the watercraft itself;
- 2 - Pay the washing fees.

The certificate can be issued by the municipal clerk as well as by some dealers who store watercraft. For those who store the watercraft on their property and do not tow, the municipality has established a service to control the washing of the watercraft.

ACCESS TO THE LAC DE L'ACHIGAN

Unless otherwise provided, the municipal ramp must be used to launch any watercraft on Lac de l'Achigan. Any construction or installation of a launching ramp as well as any use of riparian land to launch a watercraft are prohibited. The exception: a riparian owner may use his land to launch his own watercraft provided he comply with the washing and registration imperatives. For this privilege, there is an obligation: any private property where it is possible to launch a watercraft must be equipped with a chain, a padlocked gate or a permanent barrier to prevent the use of riparian land to launch a watercraft.

REGISTRATION

To gain access to Lac de l'Achigan, all watercraft must be registered. Registration consists of opening a file and obtaining a sticker to be affixed to the boat.

Conditions for the issuance of the sticker:

- 1 - Provide evidence of the quality of resident or non-resident
- 2 - Provide evidence of ownership of the watercraft
- 3 - Indicate the name and address of the owner and provide a copy of identity, or in the case of a tenant, provide a copy of the lease

4 - Produce the serial number of the hull and propulsion system, and if applicable indicate the horsepower.

5 – Provide a copy of the federal registration (if applicable);

6 - Pay the fee.

The sticker is valid for the current year or until revoked by the municipality. The sticker must be displayed on the boat.

CONTRAVENING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATION leads a fine of \$ 500 to \$ 2,000 DOLLARS.

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