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To Stop The Spread of  
Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia

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*In the past few years, our inland lakes have been contaminated with many invasive species, such as zebra mussels and rusty crabs. The spread of these species was facilitated by boat traffic between the Great Lakes and Inland Lakes. The latest threat to our inland waters is Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia; which is a virus that causes a fish to internally hemorrhage and bleed to death. This virus is currently present in Lake Ontario, Lake Huron, Lake Erie and in the northern waters of Lake Michigan.*

*Past efforts to limit the spread of invasive species have not been successful. Therefore, to protect our inland game fish, we need to prevent Great Lake boats from being used on inland waters.*

*To this end, would you be in agreement with a two system boat registration? In this system, one registration would be for Great Lakes boats and a separate registration for Inland Water boats. This would restrict the use of the boat only to the waters it is registered for i.e.; a Great Lakes boat could not be used on Inland Waters and vice-versa. This would eliminate the spread of VHS through cross-contamination.*

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