



# Kinnikinnick Chapter Of The Idaho Native Plant Society

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To: Senator Joyce Broadword; Senator Shawn Keough;  
Representative Eric Anderson; Representative George  
Eskridge; Senate Chair of Resources and Environment Dell  
Raybould; Representative R. J. Harwood; Senator Jim  
Hammond

Re: **Docket #: 58-0103-0801: Individual/Subsurface Sewage  
Disposal Rules**

The Kinnikinnick Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society (KCINPS) supports the proposed rule change to the Idaho Code to improve septic design which will help limit future nutrient loading to Lake Pend Oreille and other waters in Idaho. In addition to nutrient loading in the lake, surface waters associated with septic overload that end up in ditches provide nutrients for invasive weeds. When these weeds flourish they reproduce, crowding out the native species.

KCINPS advocates for the conservation of native flora in North Idaho, both terrestrial and aquatic, and has had representation on the Bonner County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force since its inception.

Therefore we strongly encourage this code change as it will improve water quality by reducing negative impacts, such as nutrient loading, which harm natural and healthy aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems by encouraging rampant growth of invasive species including Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Thank you for your consideration of this important improvement to the Idaho Code.

Sincerely,

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