

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2021 –

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WATERCRAFT INSPECTION FEE
AMOUNT AND SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

WHEREAS, the introduction of aquatic invasive species such as quagga and zebra mussels pose a threat to the integrity of the Lake Tahoe Region’s ecosystem, recreation, water purveyance systems and economy in general; and

WHEREAS, Subparagraph 63.4.2.E of the TRPA Code of Ordinances as amended April 2011 requires that an owner and/or operator of a Boat Ramp (excluding Marine Railway Systems) or other Boat Launch Facility shall close any ramp or facility if the provisions of Subparagraphs 63.4.2.(A)-(C) are not met in order to prevent the launching of motorized watercraft; and

WHEREAS, Subparagraph 63.4.2.A of the TRPA Code of Ordinances as amended April 2011 further requires that all motorized Watercraft shall be inspected by TRPA or its designee prior to launching into the waters of the Lake Tahoe Region to detect the presence, and prevent the introduction of, aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Subparagraph 63.4.2.B of the TRPA Code of Ordinances as amended April 2011 further requires that all Watercraft inspected pursuant to Subparagraph 63.4.2.A shall be subject to decontamination if determined necessary by the TRPA or its designee; and

WHEREAS, Subparagraph 63.4.2.D of the TRPA Code of Ordinances as amended April 2011 further states that Inspections and decontaminations performed pursuant to Section 63.4 are subject to a fee related to the costs of performing such services and other Watercraft inspection program costs; and

WHEREAS, Subparagraph 63.4.2.D of the TRPA Code of Ordinances as amended April 2011 further states that the TRPA Governing Board will review and approve the fee amount and schedule annually; and

WHEREAS, during the April 2011 Board meeting, the TRPA Governing Board adopted Resolution 2011-07 making watercraft subject to a fee for inspection, decontamination and other program costs; and

WHEREAS, the Watercraft Inspection plan for 2022 requires a combination of public and private funding currently estimated at \$2,000,000 to inspect and decontaminate motorized watercraft; and

WHEREAS, state funding from both California and Nevada has been secured to support aquatic invasive species inspections for 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency on September 24, 2008 directed staff to bring to the Board for consideration an equitable fee schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency that the amount and schedule of the aquatic invasive species inspection fee effective December 2021 through December 2022 be as shown in Exhibit 1; (Attached)

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this 15th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Mark Bruce, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board

ATTACHMENT A, EXHIBIT 1

Staff Proposed Fees for 2022 Boating Season (effective January 2022 through December 2022) and Operational Plan

<u>2022 Sticker Fee Schedule</u>		
Tahoe Only Stickers	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
All Sealed Vessels	\$33.00	\$33.00
Tahoe In & Out Stickers	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Personal Watercraft (PWC)	\$48.00	\$48.00
Vessels 0.1 ft. - 17.0 ft.	\$48.00	\$48.00
Vessels 17.1 ft. - and Greater	\$88.00	\$88.00
Single Inspection Passes	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Personal Watercraft (PWC)	\$43.00	\$43.00
Vessels 0.1 ft. - 17.0 ft.	\$43.00	\$43.00
Vessels 17.1 ft. - and Greater	\$68.00	\$68.00
Decontamination Fees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Simple Decontamination (single system, jet ski)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Complex Decontamination (multiple systems)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Drained ballasts		\$25.00
Undrained ballasts		\$50.00
Simple decontamination and drained ballast		\$50.00
Complex decontamination and drained ballast		\$75.00
Simple decontamination and undrained ballast		\$75.00
Complex decontamination and undrained ballast		\$100.00
Attached mussels	\$250.00	\$250.00
Projected Decontamination Revenue Increase		\$46,000