OTTER TAIL COUNTY

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TASK FORCE

MISSION STATEMENT / BYLAWS

September 12, 2016

**Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Otter Tail County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force to develop programs and strategies to support and enhance the protection of Otter Tail County waters. In order to accomplish this, the Task Force will promote public awareness, education, containment, research and provide recommendations to the Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners.

**Bylaws**

**Membership:**

The membership of the Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force shall include a County-Wide diverse group of organizations, individuals and governmental staff concerned with the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). It shall include of no more than 20 members, with State and County governmental staff considered as technical advisors and not eligible to vote. A voting member may appoint a representative in his/her absence, having the same rights/privileges.

Members will be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as recommended by the Land & Resource Management Office. The voting members will be appointed to a 2 or 3 year term. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms a member may serve. The President of Otter Tail County COLA will serve a term coinciding with their term as COLA President.

**Officers:**

At the first meeting of the calendar year, the members of the AIS Task Force shall elect a Chair to conduct the meetings. A Vice-Chair will also be elected to act in the absence of the Chair. Otter Tail County will designate an employee to serve as secretary.

**Quorum:**

A quorum shall consist of not less than 7 AIS Task Force Members.

**Compensation:**

As authorized by the County Board of Commissioners on September 30, 2014, the voting members of the AIS Task Force may receive the current mileage and per diem rates for AIS Task Force activities.

**Adoption:**

Motion made and passed by a majority vote of the AIS Task Force to adopt: September 12, 2016