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Subject: RE: LaRosa Monitoring and Aquatic Nuisance Control Grants

Good morning,

Regarding the Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) grants, in further conversation with Rep. Feltus (our HAC liaison) throughout the day yesterday it was agreed that given the reserved balance in the ANC account and the fact that we did not put forward the change as part of our BAA request, the Agency will administer the FY20 program consistent with the budget that was provided to the Legislature (i.e., ~\$400k in grants). Rep. Feltus and I also discussed that because the income from motorboat registrations (MBRs) is expected to decrease in Q4 FY20 and Q1-2 FY21, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, funding the current year's ANC grants at this level may necessitate drawing from the reserved balance in the ANC fund. This diminished reserve balance coupled with lower MBRs will impact funding levels for Summer 2021, if income from motorboat registrations does not rebound before the end of FY21.

I had a separate correspondence from Rep. Toll with a similar inquiry related to the LaRosa program and will forward that response to you momentarily as I think it answers your questions in that account.

Once you've had an opportunity to review, please let me know if you have further questions in regard to either program.

Kind regards,

Julie