



## PROCLAMATION

# STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS MONTH 2013



### STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.  
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**WHEREAS**, Black Lake is a 33-acre essential water body that provides for agriculture, tourism, fishing, recreation and an emergency backup drinking water source for the city; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 an extensive plant survey of the lake determined 97% of aquatic plant life in the lake was the invasive aquatic weed Brazilian elodea; and

**WHEREAS**, the city secured a grant from Department of Ecology to implement a multi-year, multi-phased aquatic vegetation management plan to eradicate Brazilian elodea from Black Lake, protect the ecosystem and restore the lake's usability; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing community education and involvement are important elements in the control of aquatic invasive plant species.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Mike Cassinelli, Mayor of the City of Ilwaco, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013 as

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in the City of Ilwaco, Washington, and encourage the community to take action to stop new introductions and control the spread of aquatic invasive species.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2013.

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Mike Cassinelli, Mayor