

## **Giant Salvinia Management Plan:**

**1. Declaration of state of emergency** related to the outbreak of giant salvinia in Pelahatchie Bay, giving the agency the ability to take expedited actions outside of normal regulatory procedure.

**2. Create a management plan by:**

a. Immediately closing traffic between the main lake and Pelahatchie Bay by placing temporary barriers below the bridge on Northshore Parkway to stop the spread of giant salvinia by wind, current or boat.

b. Closing all boat ramps, public and private, in Pelahatchie Bay.

c. Banning all public boating on Pelahatchie Bay, including all types of watercraft including fishing boats, pleasure craft, canoes, kayaks, personal watercraft and sailboats.

d. Leaseholders along the shoreline will be given until Nov. 5 to remove their boats from their docks or boathouses, if desired, at Pelahatchie Shore Park boat ramp.

e. A drawdown of the lake during the coldest winter months of December through February, exposing giant salvinia to its lone environmental weakness, cold weather. The proposed drawdown is two feet, and it should be noted that until 2013, similar drawdowns were held annually as part of the operation plan of the lake.

It is anticipated that this closure will remain in effect for six months, during which time PRVWSD and MDWFP will be constantly monitoring giant salvinia.