

EXHIBIT 17  
DATE 3/17/09  
SB 437

Dear House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee Chair  
Kendal Van Dyk and Members,

I urge you to table SB437. I can see who would be negatively impacted, but I have a hard time seeing who will be helped. There is no question that this pond issue needs more regulation (repellant as that word may be), but prohibition by whatever means is not the answer. The trite phrase "unintended consequences" aptly describes the inevitable outcome of such action. For better or worse these ponds exist. Perhaps a better solution would be making the licensing fees commensurate with the true costs of regulation.

Sincerely,  
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