



1 which the secretary shall develop and prescribe. The secretary shall conduct the  
2 evaluation provided for in Subsection D of this Section and take action on the  
3 application within sixty days of the application being deemed complete. If the  
4 secretary denies the application, the secretary shall provide written reasons for the  
5 denial at the time of the denial.

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7 J. The state shall be reimbursed at fair market value for all use or withdrawal  
8 of running surface water from bodies of water managed by the Department of  
9 Wildlife and Fisheries and determined by the office of fisheries to be negatively  
10 impacted by invasive aquatic vegetation. Fair market value as used in this  
11 Subsection shall be at a rate of not more than fifteen cents per thousand gallons, and  
12 shall not include the economic development, employment, and increased tax  
13 revenues created by the activities associated with the withdrawal of running surface  
14 water.

15 K. All monies collected by the state pursuant to this Chapter as a result of  
16 the use or withdrawal of surface water shall be deposited into the Aquatic Plant  
17 Control Fund as established in R.S. 56:10.1, and shall be used for the treatment of  
18 aquatic weed, preferably on the body of water from which revenues were generated.

19 Section 2. R.S. 56:10.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

20 §10.1. Aquatic Plant Control Fund; creation; uses

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22 B. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of  
23 the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund,  
24 and after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations  
25 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within  
26 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund an amount  
27 equal to the monies received by the state treasury pursuant to the provisions of R.S.  
28 47:462(B)(2)(c) and R.S. 30:961(K). The monies in this fund shall be used solely  
29 as provided in Subsection C of this Section and only in the amount appropriated by  
30 the legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining in this fund

