

Modifications set for inspection program

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LAKE COUNTY – The new year ushers in modifications to the Lake County Invasive Species Inspection Program, which was put into place in 2008 to protect the water bodies of Lake County from significant and imminent threat posed by invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

The most visible change to the inspection program is in the proof of compliance for non-resident vessels, which is a shift from annual inspection stickers to monthly compliance inspection bands that are color-coded with a different color for each month of the year. These bands are applicable to non-resident vessels only; resident vessels are still required to display an inspection sticker.

These monthly inspection bands may be obtained after passing a screening inspection at one of several inspection locations around the county. The fee is \$10 and the bands, which are non-transferable, will be valid for the entire month of issue. A set of two bands will be issued, one for the boat and one to be affixed to the boat trailer. A five-day grace period at the end of the month of issue will cover those periods when a visitor may be staying into the following month. Note that any vessel that does not pass screening will still be required to undergo and pass inspection by a certified inspector before bands are issued.

The change to the inspection bands is based on a recommendation made to the Lake County Board of Supervisors (BOS) by the Lake County Invasive Species Council as a means of addressing the need for re-inspection of non-resident boats. Since the program's beginning, visitor vessels have been required to go through the screening inspection prior to launching; however, annual stickers made enforcement of re-screening a challenge. The new compliance bands will make it easy to identify non-resident vessels and to determine whether a non-resident vessel is out of compliance. The bands will be required to be displayed on the vessel itself as well as on the vessel's trailer.

Other changes include revising the definition of resident and non-resident vessels based on the vessel's DMV registration, as well as allowing for exemption of vessels such as kayaks, car-top row boats, rafts and boogie boards from the provisions of the ordinance.

The BOS approved the changes to the inspection program at its meeting on Dec. 15, 2009 and then advanced and subsequently passed the amendments to the ordinance at the second reading on Jan. 5. The amendments to the ordinance will go into effect on Feb. 4.

The Invasive Species Council's full document, "Mussel Protocol and Standards" is available for public review at www.co.lake.ca.us/mussels. The site provides information about the Lake County Invasive Species Inspection Program and a list of inspection locations, which may also be obtained by calling the Lake County Mussel Hotline at 263-2556.

Lost Boys begin tour '10



Courtesy photo

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LAKE COUNTY — Lakeport's teenage rock sensation, The Lost Boys announced the first leg of its 'Why Not Now' ... North American Tour 2010, with multiple dates at the Orion Music Festival in Utah.

According to Team Lost Boys Management, the award-winning band is wrapping up its 60 date, Look Out World ... Tour 2009 to rave reviews and enjoying the success of its debut single, Cloud 9, which continues to receive significant airplay in Northern California.

USA4real artists, The Lost Boys, with heavy airplay on upstream radio, are recent two category winners of the USA4real

voters' poll as USA4real Best Live Performance in 2009 and Best Pop/Rock Newbee USA4real Artist, as voted on by USA4real artists and fans, worldwide, the management team said.

WhyNot Now ... on the heels of the band's many recent industry successes, including a major label showcase at the historic The Parkside Club in San Francisco, headlining The Last Day Saloon in Santa Rosa, being accepted to perform during the Orion Music Festival and selected to perform during the closing ceremonies of IndieFest 2010 in Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada, first leg tour dates are announced as follows:

Jan. 14 opening night ceremonies at Orion Music Festival in Park City, Utah; Jan. 15 Orion Music Festival in the Zanzibar Nightclub; Jan. 16 Orion Music Festival in Studio 600; Jan. 17 Orion Music Festival in The Woodshed; Jan. 18 Orion Music Festival in the Cisero's Ristorante & Nightclub; Jan. 19 Orion Music Festival in The Star Bar; autographs and acoustic performance Feb. 12 at Border's Books and Music Store in Petaluma. Tickets to the Orion Music Festival are available at online at www.orionmusicfestival.com. On Feb. 13, The Lost Boys with special guests Cloverleaf Drive will return to headline

NcNear's Mystic Theatre, 23 Petaluma Blvd. North Petaluma. Tickets will be available at the venue, Last Record Store, www.ticket.web.com or call the venue at 765-2121 for more information. Ages 16 and older or must be accompanied by a parent.

Additionally, on Aug. 2, The Lost Boys will perform its first announced international date on the main headliner stage at IndieFest 2010, during a four day festival in Frazier Valley located on the outskirts of Vancouver, where 50,000 concertgoers are expected to attend. IndieFest 2010 packages are available and on sale now at www.indiefest2010.com.