

# **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention in 2012**

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# Inspectors and Inspections: Implementation 2012

Target of 146 inspectors to be hired

- 100 - Level 1 Inspectors
- 46 - Level 2 Inspectors / Decontamination unit operators
- Will work together primarily at high use zebra mussel infested waters as well as destination lakes



# **Inspectors and Inspections: Implementation 2012**

**The DNR will be training and authorizing employees of  
Local Units of Government as Level 1 Watercraft  
Inspectors**

- **First training was April 20<sup>th</sup>**



# Inspectors and Inspections: Implementation 2012

- Twenty new decontamination units for a total of 23 units around the state
- Will be deployed primarily at zebra mussel infested waters



# Inspection of Equipment


MS 84D.105



- Officers may utilize **check stations**
- Locations or proximity to locations where water-related equipment is placed into or removed from waters

# AIS Watercraft Rules Decal: Implementation 2012

- Distributed 5,000 at Mpls Boat Show
- Continuing at sport shows
- Being sent to DNR offices, retail locations
- Available at 174 Deputy Registrar locations



**MINNESOTA  
Aquatic Invasive  
Species Laws**

*These laws are intended to protect your lakes and water recreation from harmful effects of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Under state law, your compliance with AIS inspection requirements is an express condition and legal requirement of operating or transporting water related equipment.*

**You must...**

- CLEAN** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited species off of watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting from any water access.
- DRAIN** water from the boat's bilge, livewell, motor, ballast tanks, and portable bait containers before transport from water access site or shoreline property.
- KEEP** drain plug out and water draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

**You may not...**

- TRANSPORT** aquatic plants, water, or prohibited invasive species (e.g., zebra mussels, Eurasian water milfoil).
- DUMP** live bait into state waters, on the shore, or on the ground.
- LAUNCH**, or attempt to place, watercraft or trailers with aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or prohibited invasive species into any waters of the state.

**2012** This decal is only a summary of the laws as of August 2011.

[www.mndnr.gov/invasives](http://www.mndnr.gov/invasives)  
peel here and place bottom portion on trailer near winch

**CHECK THE DRAIN PLUG!**  
Please wear your life jacket.  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



# 2012 AIS Legislative Initiatives

**DNR Policy Bill is HF 2153 - Intended to further increase efforts to prevent transportation and spread of AIS**

- Require training for those with trailers
- Change AIS rules decals to trailers
- Raise penalties for violations
- Allow delegation of authority to local government units
- Authorize mandatory inspections at locations
- Exempt bait draining while ice fishing
- Require dry time of 21 days before move docks and lifts

**AIS fee proposal is HF 1664 / SF 1415 -**

- Increase Watercraft Surcharge for long-term stable funding

# Questions?

