

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

2017 Watercraft Inspections by DNR Staff Grant Application Form

Purpose and Description of Grant Offer

These grants are intended to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into Minnesota waters. This grant program is designed to assist local organizations that would like additional watercraft inspections (beyond what is done by the DNR Watercraft Inspection Program) at particular water accesses. This is an offer to split the cost (\$24/hour) of additional watercraft inspections with cooperators. The cooperating organization can provide input into scheduling the hours of inspection. The DNR will recruit, hire, and schedule the inspectors, and provide supervision, insurance, and social security costs. This is a competitive grant program. Applicants may be awarded all or some of their requested hours. The DNR will provide a maximum of 375 inspection hours per lake up to a maximum total grant of 750 hours. Approximately 7,500 inspection hours will be allotted under this grant program. Cooperators will be billed for their share of the cost of inspections at the end of the open water season for inspection hours that have been completed.

Application Procedure. Electronic Submissions are encouraged

Application Deadline: 9:00 AM Monday, April 24, 2017

1. Fill out this application form
2. Return this application form to:

Wendy Crowell
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Ecological and Water Resources, Box 25
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Applications must be received on or before the application deadline. Electronic submissions are encouraged. You may hand deliver your application on or before the deadline **Monday morning, 9:00 AM, April 24th**, during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday). We will only accept one application per applicant.

You will be notified when your application is received. If you do not receive a notification within three business days after you submit it please contact Wendy Crowell (651-259-5085).

By submitting this application you are agreeing to pay the DNR \$24 per hour for half of the inspection hours you have requested. If the DNR is unable to provide the entire amount of hours requested then you will only be responsible for paying \$24 per hour for half of the inspection hours that were actually done.

Please note that the day after the grant application deadline the name and address of all applicants, and the amounts requested become public. All other data is nonpublic until the negotiation of the grant agreement with the selected grantees is completed. After the application review process is completed, all data (except trade secret data) becomes public.

Grant Criteria

Proposed water bodies/ water accesses will be evaluated by DNR staff within the Invasive Species Program based on the following criteria.

A water body/water access will be ranked higher if it is:

1. A high-use water access, based on the number of parking spaces and past watercraft inspector observations. Proposed accesses will be ranked based on their average rate of use. Individual water accesses with low use will be dropped from your grant proposal.
2. A water body located in a high-use or popular traveler destination area.
3. A water access near or on an infested water.

The final number of inspection hours offered to cooperators will depend upon:

- The number of inspection hours requested by the applicant;
- The total number of inspection hours requested by all applicants;
- How well the proposal meets the grant criteria;
- The past history of the grantee on previous prevention grants; and
- The relative ranking of the proposal compared to other proposals.

Applicant Contact Information

Organization:

Project Lead Name:

Address:

E- Mail:

Phone(s):

Second Contact Information (Optional)

Name:

E- Mail:

Phone(s):

Project Information

The maximum number of inspection hours available is 375 per lake up to a maximum total request of 750 hours. A lake is considered unique if it has its own inventory number, which can be found on [lakefinder](#). If one access serves several lakes in a chain, each lake can be counted towards the 750 hour limit if they are clearly noted in the application. Low use accesses (based on DNR data) and waterbodies that only have low-use accesses will be dropped from your application. If a waterbody is dropped from your application completely because it only has low use water accesses then the requested hours for that waterbody will be dropped from your application.

County where inspections will occur:

Total Requested hours:

Proposed start and end dates for the inspections:

Start date:

End date:

Individual Lake Information. Add extra pages as needed.

Your proposal will be evaluated based on the lakes and water accesses where you would like inspections done. You must include this information in order for this grant application to be complete. List the public water accesses where inspections will occur, and the number of hours you are requesting for each lake. Include the number of parking spots at each access, if known.

Lake Name:

Number of hours requested:

County:

Water Accesses (include the number of parking spots at each access):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Number of hours requested:

County:

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Additional Information

1. Water accesses that are located in high-use and popular traveler destination areas will be ranked higher than those in lower– use areas. Please provide information about resorts and any other special lake attractions in the area or on specific lakes.
2. Water access are ranked based on how much they are used, with high-use water accesses ranked higher than low use ones, based on past MN DNR watercraft inspector observations. We will also consider data from watercraft inspectors hired locally if you can provide the number of inspections for each hour of watercraft inspector staff time. In addition to providing the inspection data, please provide contact information for the person providing you with inspection per hour information.

Proposed timing (Optional)

How many hours per week and / or other specifics on your desired schedule for inspections.