Aquativervasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

Before leaving the water access or shoreline property, you must:

1. Clean off AIS, aquatic plants and animals
2. Drain all water in drainboards, livewells, baitwells, motor and ballast tanks
3. Dry and leave it out

Get into the habit of taking these simple steps, and it will become second nature to save Lake Superior.

Cleaning water related equipment is just as important as getting the AIS off your boat. While you’re cleaning your boat, please remember to also:

- Clean anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, and other objects that were in the water.
- Clean fishing nets, tires, paint, and other objects that were in the water.
- Pull water out of canoes, kayaks, and other equipment before leaving the shore.
- These are YOUR waters and it is YOUR responsibility to inspect, drain, and dry your boat!

AIS Boat Laws:

- It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your bait (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing bottled or tap water from home and keeping it in your vehicle rather than bringing ice.
- Keep your water in the car or another suitable container.

Ways the Watercraft Inspectors can help you:

- Inspectors can help pull weeds off boats or other such tasks. They also have grabbing tools for plants.
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- You can make a difference by joining the DNR Adopt-a-River Program.

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