Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

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

1. Clean, drain, and dry
2. Clean all aquatic plants and animals
3. Decontaminate bait and ballast tanks
4. Pull the plug and leave it out
5. Get into the habit of taking these three simple steps, and it will soon become part of your habits. Pull your boat from the ramp area. Check for plants while strapping. Store the plug when going to the City. If you have other people (especially kids) with you, have them help! Adding a few minutes will help safeguard our waters.

Cleaning-related equipment is just as important as cleaning your boat, please remember to also:

- Clean anchors, ropes, fishing tackle, and other objects that were in the water. Many species can be transported in the mud or debris.
- Dump water out of cans, buckets, and other equipment before leaving.
- These are YOUR waters and it is YOUR responsibility to inspect, clean, and drain your boat!

AIS Bait Laws:

- When you arrive at the transport lake and river water. To save your bait (mice or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing bottled or tap water from home and keeping it in your cooler or vehicle. Bring ice can be a good idea on warm days to cool down the water.

DO NOT dump unwanted bait into water bodies or on the shoreline! Unwanted bait belongs in the trash or a designated compost bin. Unwanted worms must be disposed of in the trash.

Working Together to Protect the Waters

Watercraft inspectors are aware that there are no/few in, clean, and drain your boat! If there is a Decontamination Unit present, please follow all the instructions given by the inspectors for your safety and theirs. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and watch them work from a safe distance.

Ways the Watercraft Inspectors can help you:

- The inspectors have tools, devices, and pliers, so if you are having trouble with your plug, add to the line if it is too deep.
- Use barbs hooks or plant a part of the line in the water, do not throw it back.
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