Aqueous Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:

- If you are harvesting bait, commercial fishing, or doing fishing or taking water, you might need to follow special regulations in infested waters.

To identify an infested water, look for orange invasion species Alert signs at the access. You can also use LakeFinder to find out if a particular lake is listed as infested or monitored for more information about infested waters, including an up-to-date infested waters list and additional location information, visit mndnr.gov/invadives.

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

- Clean WI, aquatic plants and animals
- Drain all water including bilge wells, ballast tanks, ballast, boat motors and ballast tanks
- Dump all garbage, bilge water

Get into the habit of taking these three simple steps, and it will soon become part of your routine. Pull out from the boat ramp, rinse your boat, and dry your boat. As well as reducing the impact on the waters, it also helps prevent you from bringing invasive species into new areas.

There are YOUR waters and it is YOUR responsibility to inspect, clean, and dry your boats!

AIS Bait Laws

It is illegal to transport lake and river water. To save your bait (minnows or leeches), the DNR recommends bringing bait-water treated water from home and keeping it in your vehicle or cooler. Keepant can be a good site for warm days to cool down the water.

DO NOT dump spent water into lake waters or on the shoreline. Always carry boating takes in the boat or on your person or on a compost bin. Unwanted bait belongs in the trash or a designated baitwell.

Working Together to Protect the Waters

- The DNR cooperates with partners to ensure watercraft and equipment are “clean in, clean out” if you need assistance with questions about the program, please ask.

Do you have the Watercraft Inspector’s inspection?

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Ways to help the Watercraft Inspector:

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Ways the Watercraft Inspectors can help you:

- The inspecton process will move quickly.
- If there is a Decontamination Station present, please follow all the instructions given by the inspector for your safety and theirs. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and watch them work from a safe distance.

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Safe Boating

Life Jackets: On all boats (except sailboats) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, accept canoes and kayaks, there must at least one Coast Guard approved throwable device, such as a ring buoy or seat cushion.

Boating while intoxicated (DWI) - Boating while intoxicated is illegal. For persons found to be under the influence, there are significant penalties, including fines and possible jail sentences.

Personal Watercraft: Special laws apply including wearing a life jacket and operating at slow no wake speed at certain distances from other watercraft, swimmers and other objects in the water. Operator age restrictions also apply. Consult the boating guide for more information. A DWI safety violation is also a violation of the traffic laws. Watercraft Inspectors, please cooperate. The law requires compliance with inspectors, and it will help everyone to do so in a timely and pleasant manner.