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- Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully.
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Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Laws and Requirements:
- The AIS laws limits lakes and rivers as "infested" with certain aquatic invasive species.
- If you are harvesting bait, commercial fishing, or diversion or taking water, you might need to follow special regulations in infested waters.

To identify an infested water, look for orange Invasive Species Alert signs at the access. You can also use LakeFinder to find out if a particular lake is listed as infested: www.mndnr.gov/for-business/fishing/habitat/aquatic-invasive-species. Please clean your watercraft, drain all water, including bilge, livewells, baitwells, bait buckets, motor and ballast tanks. Pull the plug and leave it out.

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- Pull the plug and leave it out.
- Dispose of unused bait.
- The DNR Information Center is available to provide more information about infested waters, including an up-to-date infested waters list and additional location information, visit mndnr.gov/Invasives.

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