

CLFLWD Grant Reporting Requirements for DNR Behavior Change Grant Project



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Background

In a literature review performed by the Minnesota DNR, it was determined that live bait was one of five major risky pathways for AIS introduction. Using this finding, the DNR sent Minnesota anglers a survey to assess their current behaviors related to disposal of live bait, knowledge of AIS spread and prevention, and barriers that prevent them from engaging in desired behaviors. Results of this survey indicated there were several barriers that needed to be addressed for more anglers to engage in proper bait disposal. One example is education as some anglers are unaware that bait can be invasive, have a misunderstanding of why releasing bait into a lake is harmful, and are skeptical of the risks and don't see a clear reason for preferred disposal methods. Another barrier that was found in the survey was the lack of disposal amenities at accesses. Some anglers would prefer on-site disposal locations as they have concerns about the smell of throwing bait away at home and it attracting animals.

The CLFLWD determined the simplest solution to address as many barriers as possible was to create bait disposal stations with educational signage. In addition, these new stations would be paired with increased education from local watercraft inspectors. They would advertise the bins presence, educate anglers on the risks and laws associated with live bait, and encourage them to properly dispose of unwanted live bait in the onsite bins. Also, a combination of stickers and signature sheets would be used by inspectors to obtain behavior commitments from anglers. All of these elements in combination address many of the barriers anglers reported in the state-wide survey and attempt to make the preferred behavior as convenient as possible. Wanting to increase the reach of this new initiative, the CLFLWD partnered with the Washington Conservation District and Chisago County. Over the course of several months of collaboration, a bait disposal sign (Figure 1.) and bait bucket sticker (Figure 2.) design were created.



Figure 1. Educational bait disposal sign for bait bins



Figure 2. Educational bait bucket sticker

Budget

The CLFLWD was awarded \$4,905.00 to design, purchase, and install bait disposal stations with educational signage, as well as to create bait bucket stickers. Initially, the CLFLWD considered fabricating disposal bins out of purchased lumber. However, after estimating the project cost it was decided that pre-made metal disposal bins were a cheaper alternative that would allow for more disposal stations to be created. After extensive online browsing, dog waste disposal bins, those commonly found at dog parks, were found to be the cheapest and most convenient option. These bins were durable in design and were built to be attached to fence posts which made putting the stations together very simple. Several online vendors of dog waste bins sell packages that include the waste bin, hardware, and heavy-duty signposts. Due to budget constraints, the CLFLWD and partners had to opt for cheaper and less sturdy fence posts commonly found at hardware stores. While these posts still work great, they did require more work as additional holes needed to be drilled to get the bin to attach properly. As for the signs and stickers, quotes were requested from local print shops and the best one was selected once a design was finalized. Below a breakdown of the project's budget can be found as Figure 3.

Item Description	Unit Cost	Number of Units	Grant Funds	Actual Amount Spent	Comments/Notes
Proper Bait Disposal Signage 12" x 18" Aluminum	\$25.00	19	\$475.00	\$475.00	X
Bait Bucket Stickers 3"x 4	\$0.26	5000	\$1,280.00	\$1,280.00	X
Bait disposal bins	\$120.52	19	\$2,289.88	\$2,289.88	Includes metal disposal bins and fence posts
Disposal bin construction and installation labor hours (Staff time and billing rate)	\$45.75	13	\$560.00	\$594.75	Took roughly 45 minutes to install each bait disposal station.
In-state travel	\$0.56	230 miles	\$150.00	\$128.80	X
Designing educational signage for the bait composting bins and stickers to be distributed to boaters.	In-Kind	35 hours	X	X	In addition to sign and sticker drafting, this includes meetings with partners.
Provide training to watercraft inspectors on how to make lake visitors aware of MN's bait laws and the presence of the on-site bait disposal bin.	In-Kind	6 hours	X	X	If implemented earlier in the year, this number would have been much higher
Contingency Funds – may only be used for additional costs related to the production/delivery of items listed as grant-funded in this budget; these funds cannot be used for travel costs.	X	X	150.00	147.96	Money was mostly spent on tools, bolts, and other hardware to fabricate and install bins
Total	X	X	\$4,904.88	\$4,916.39	X

Figure 3. Budget breakdown for bait bucket sticker and bait disposal station project

Challenges

The grant award was first received in 2020, but progress on the project was severely hindered as staff adjusted to the challenges of the pandemic and remote working. In early 2021, the bulk of the work started as draft materials were being created and shared with partners. As with any collaborative project there are many challenges to address in order to reach a product that all parties are happy with and ours was no exception. Several months of virtual meetings and dozens of email exchanges were needed for partners to agree on a final bait bin sign and bait bucket sticker design. Ordered materials arrived in a timely manner but coincided with the start of the field work season when the CLFLWD and partners began hiring, training, and scheduling watercraft inspectors. The increased workload further delayed progress as communications and available work time were both limited. The largest of the setbacks at that time were obtaining permissions and setting dates to deploy bait bins for Chisago County and the Washington Conservation District (WCD). It was for this reason that the majority of disposal stations weren't deployed until mid-August of 2021.

Initially, the plan for this project was to deploy all bins around the same time and hold a large training for all parties' watercraft inspectors. As previously mentioned, deployment occurred late into the 2021 watercraft inspection season when many of the inspectors had or were leaving for the season. Instead of the large training which would require late season coordination and planning, each partner trained their own inspectors with the materials provided by the CLFLWD. Due to this, providing consistent training to all inspectors was a challenge. Additionally, another large meeting would ideally have been held to discuss what was and wasn't working with the new program. While the remaining inspectors

were given training and materials, it's implementation in the first year could have been improved with in-person trainings and check-ins.

After the conclusion of the 2021 watercraft inspection season, CLFLWD staff sat down with their remaining three inspectors to discuss their thoughts on the program. All felt that anglers were receptive to the addition of the bait disposal stations but thought the survey took too long to go through. The inspectors commented they felt many anglers grew impatient with the lengthy flow chart of questions on bait disposal, which lead to few stickers being handed out (*Attachment 1- Training Documents - Educating and Obtaining Behavior Commitments*). Many inspectors opted for a much shorter educational pitch that focused primarily on asking the angler if they knew the law and if they were aware of the new bait disposal station at the access. Additionally, between their regular duties and the new responsibilities of the project, inspectors failed to handout any flyers for the online survey.

The last challenge that was noticed was managing the smell of the bins. Initially, the inspections were to be performed on a bi-weekly rate. However, staff realized that two weeks between bag changes can be too long a wait especially in the summer months. Several bins at the end of the two weeks reeked of rotting fish and had a swarm of black flies occupying the bin. To combat this, all inspectors were given trash bags and were instructed to change the bins as they deemed necessary. Another issue contributing to the rotten smell was the frequent dumping of bait water in the bins. A couple of the CLFLWD inspectors began poking holes in the bottom of the bags to avoid the bin from filling with water. Unfortunately, this would often create tears that would let minnows fall to the bottom of the metal bin. The bins have a solid metal base, so cleaning debris out of them involves either unbolting the bin and tipping it out or pulling the debris out by hand. Either option is a deterrent to many inspectors which resulted in some trash and dead minnows piling at the bottom beneath the bags. Staff have discussed further increasing the bag changes and possibly using cat litter to reduce odor.

Successes

The obvious success is the completion of the project and deployment of the new bait disposal stations. The CLFLWD previously had large bulky homemade compost bins at its accesses that were not frequently utilized. As for the WCD and Chisago County, they had no such bins. Having designated bait disposal stations was a major upgrade to the accesses as it was a convenient location that watercraft inspectors could point at for anglers to dispose of unwanted bait. CLFLWD inspectors commented to staff that they received several compliments from visitors approving of the addition, even going so far as to thank the inspector on a couple occasions. A full list of bait disposal install locations can be found as *Attachment 2 - Bait Disposal Station Installation Locations*.

While data is limited, from staff and inspector observations there was believed to be an increase in unwanted bait disposal in the bins. Again, the CLFLWD's old disposal bins were not utilized often and rarely had signs of bait disposal. Following installation of the new stations and advertising their presence, most bag changes had some signs of live bait. These findings are very encouraging and suggest given more educational outreach, usage of the bins would further increase. It should also be noted that installation occurred later in season when anglers weren't using as much live bait. If the project was implemented at the start of the open water season it is likely their usage would have increased dramatically.

Again, the information gathered was limited due to a late season installation and some misunderstanding of the project by inspectors. Unfortunately, many of the inspectors either forgot to

ask for commitments or found the survey to be too long, which resulted in only 5 anglers signing the commitment form. While the number of signatures is underwhelming, the success is that this short implementation period provided useful feedback. As mentioned earlier, many inspectors found the survey to be too long which created a barrier for anglers that were eager to get onto the water. Commitments could likely be more easily obtained with some minor changes to the conversation flow chart to get more to the point. Furthermore, implementing this at the start of the season would allow inspectors to become more comfortable with the program, especially with additional support and assistance from staff.

Future Plans

The CLFLWD and partners would like to continue this initiative in 2022 with some adjustments. The obvious improvement to this project is to implement it at the beginning of the season and train inspectors as a group. A big issue with the 2021 implementation was it occurred near the end of the season. It was difficult to coordinate a large training where all inspectors would receive the same information and be able to ask questions and voice concerns. Due to less structured trainings, certain aspects of the survey were missed by inspectors. For 2022, the expectations and requirements associated with this project will be made clear right from the start. As the season progresses, check-ins would occur with staff to gain important feedback on what is and isn't working. This feedback will be used by partners to improve inefficiencies with the survey and commitment obtaining strategies. As mentioned previously, one such change from 2021 feedback is to streamline the survey to not hold-up the angler at the access. This change could remove the barrier that prevented many anglers from answering the survey questions and making the behavior commitment. The CLFLWD and partners would be happy to share any data collected in 2022 with the DNR to supplement the limited information collected after implementation in 2021.

Summary of Bait Bin Inspections

From September 5th to November 5th, there were a total of 80 bait bin inspections performed between the three partners. These surveys were performed by trained watercraft inspectors and would track the amount of material in the bin, how much of the material was trash, and if there was any garbage on the ground around the bins. Results show that garbage on the ground was often not an issue as 67 of the 80 inspections had no issues to report. However, trash in the bins was often an issue despite information on the signs asking anglers to not dispose of garbage in the bait receptacles. Approximately 43 of the 80 inspections reported trash in the bait bins, ranging from a few items of trash to the bin being entirely filled with garbage. The full list of survey results and bait bin inspection sheet can be found as *Attachment 3 - Summary of Bait Bin Inspection Data*.

Number of Stickers Distributed and Commitments Obtained

Unfortunately, despite training and reminders, information tracking stickers distributed, and commitments obtained was very limited. In total, only 5 signatures and 1 sticker were documented on the data sheets. This lack of data can be partly attributed to the lack of inspectors, length of survey and commitment questions, and lack of confidence to ask for commitments. Another potential issue was the sticker tracking form itself that was created by the CLFLWD. For the project training, inspectors were

instructed to only give stickers to anglers that agreed to give a verbal or written commitment. The data tracking forms provided to inspectors only had options to track stickers given to anglers that physically signed the commitment sheet, which meant all who agreed verbally were not recorded. From conversations with CLFLWD inspectors, it is known that many more stickers were given out for verbal commitments, but these cannot be accurately quantified. This oversight greatly limited our recorded data, so in 2022 a simple singular tracking form will be created to tally the number of accepted/declined commitments and sticker offers. Additionally, due to this lack of data, CLFLWD staff decided not to post commitment names on social media as proposed in the project description. Instead, names will continue to be collected during the 2022 season and a social media post will be made when there are more names to show off. Copies of the commitment and declined commitment tracking forms can be found as *Attachment 4 - Behavior Commitment and Declined Offer Tracking Documents*.

Online Survey

Despite giving inspectors printed copies of the online bait survey QR code, none were distributed at the accesses by inspectors. As mentioned previously, the length of the behavior commitment flow chart was described as a barrier by inspectors. Many felt it took too long to educate the inspector, ask the flow chart questions, and attempt to obtain a commitment on top of their regular duties. Additionally, staffing issues limited the number of inspectors that could try to hand this survey out. It is for these reason that none were distributed in 2021. However, surveys were taken from other organizations that give us a little data as 3 anglers reported fishing in Washington County. Of these three, two individuals reported sometimes throwing bait on land and one reported sometime dumping their bait in the water. Our bait disposal project aims to correct these behaviors by providing convenient disposal location to keep bait out of our lakes and off the shoreline. A copy of the online bait survey can be found as *Attachment 5 - Online Bait Survey Handout*.

Attachment 1- Training Documents - Educating and Obtaining Behavior Commitments

Educating and Obtaining Behavior Commitments from Anglers

(Adapted from Lake County SWCD Document)

Watercraft Inspectors,

As you know, bait and bait water can harbor fish diseases and aquatic invasive species, which is why it is illegal to dispose of both in Minnesota's waters. In a recent state-wide survey, anglers reported that having a bait disposal bin on site would help them dispose of bait properly and a majority (94%) agreed or strongly agreed that preventing the spread of AIS is the right thing to do. Therefore, bait disposal bins have been installed at a number of local public accesses. We're asking you to help increase awareness of this new resource and encourage their usage. We're also asking you to collect verbal, public, and signature commitments from anglers. People that commit to taking action are more likely to follow through. Therefore, your role in collecting these commitments is a critical part of this behavior change project. Success depends on you! Please read through this document carefully and then collect as many commitments as you can throughout the season!

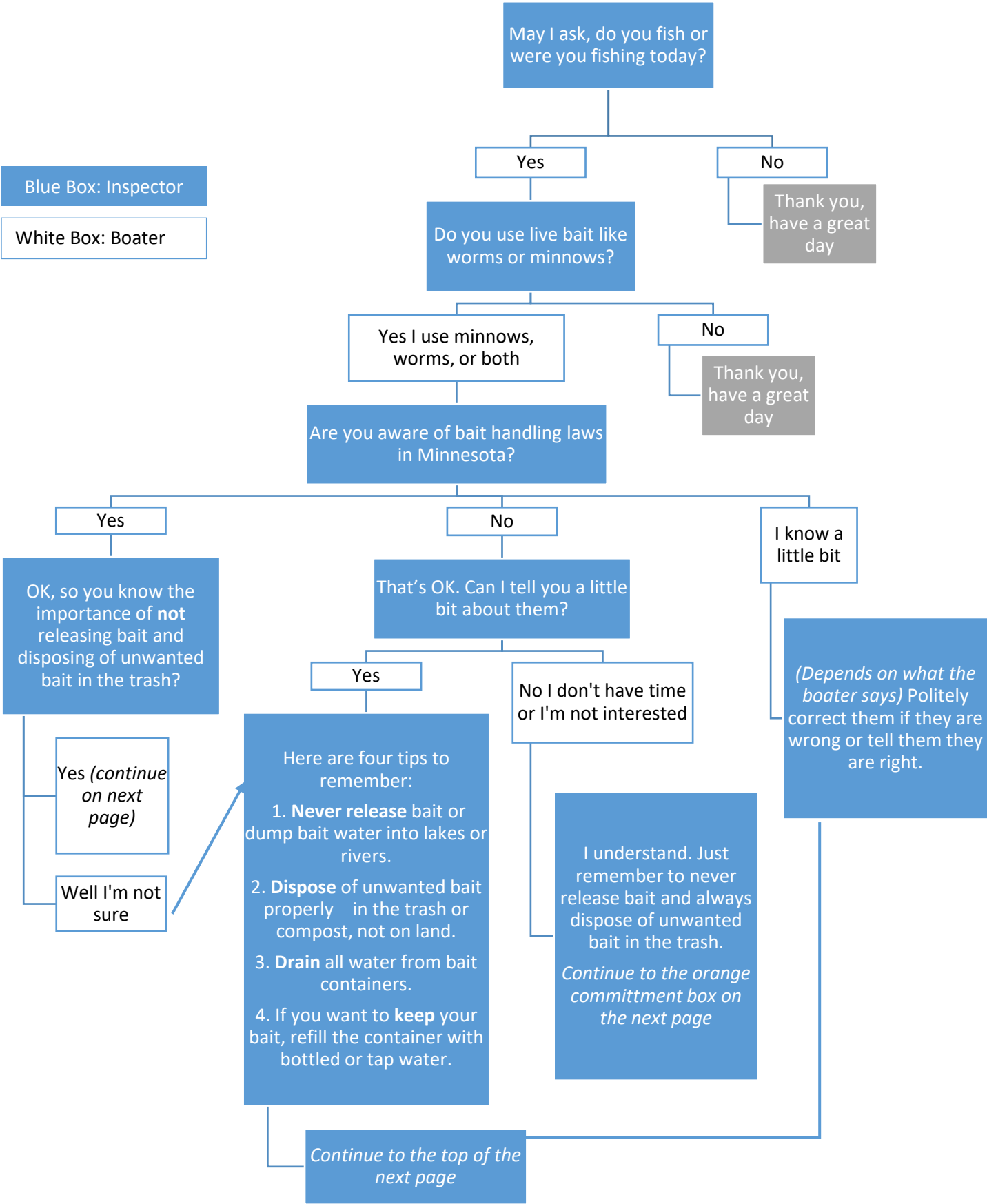
Your primary duties continue to be performing your watercraft inspections and completing the inspection survey.

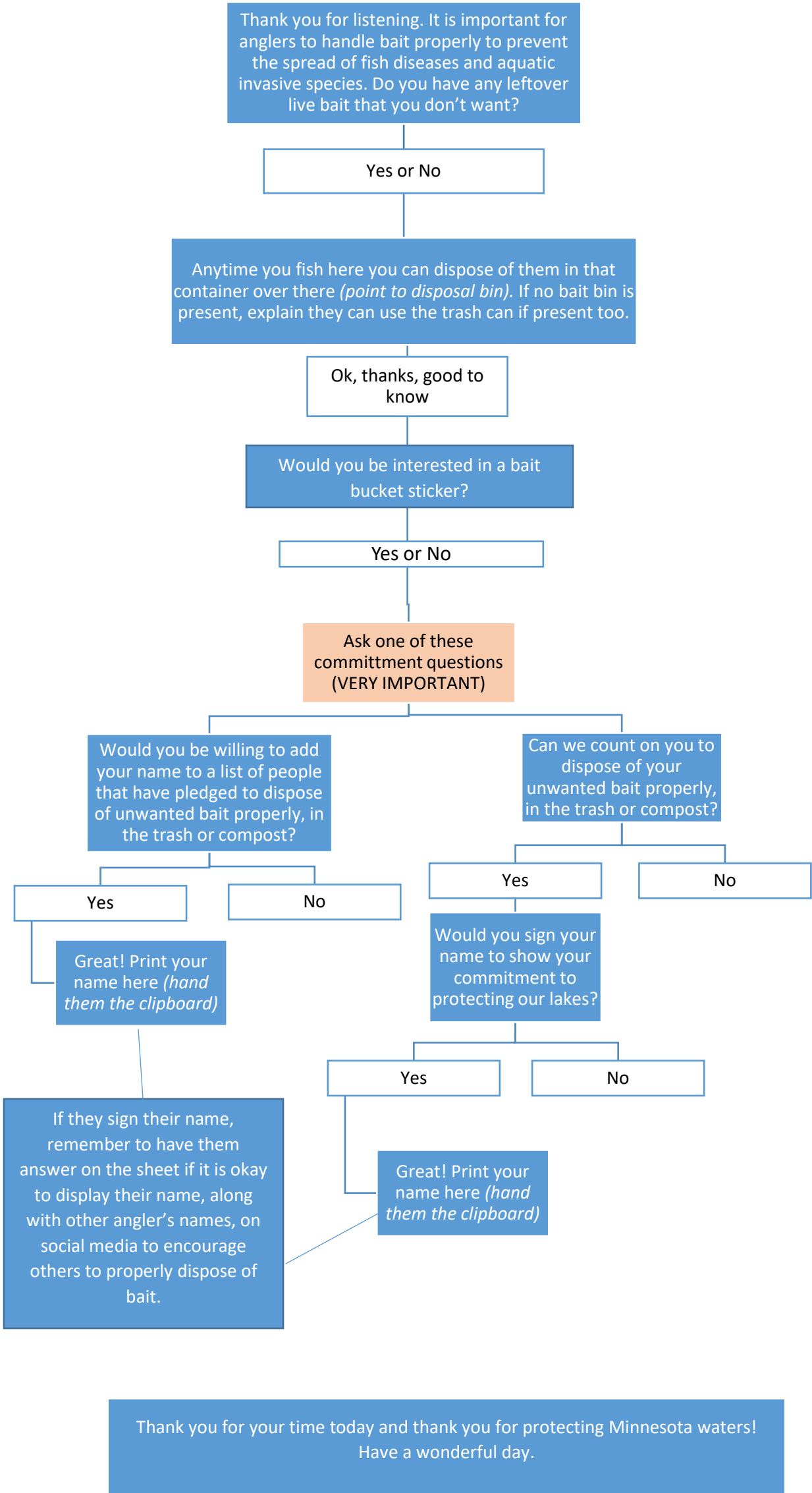
Here are the extra responsibilities you will be tasked with when working if they do not interfere with your primary inspection duties:

1. After completing the inspection survey, introduce the subject of bait by briefly chatting about their fishing that day. Ask boaters whether they are/were fishing with any live bait. If yes, let them know that the bait disposal bin is available for them to use if present (If a bait bin isn't present at that the access, remind them to dispose of unwanted bait in an onsite trash can).
 - a. Let them know that dumping live bait in the lake can introduce invasive species or diseases.
 - b. Ask them if they are aware of bait laws. Inform them of the Minnesota laws around properly disposing live bait (*they may not dump bait water or bait in the lake; if they wish to reuse live bait they must dump their water on land and replace it with bottled, tap, or well water; and dumping bait on land is considered littering*).
 - c. Let the boater know if they have unwanted fishing bait now or the next time they visit, they can use the disposal bin on site for their convenience (or trash can if bait bin isn't present). Stress that the bait bin at the access is for fishing bait only; trash should be disposed in the trash elsewhere. Ask them to drain the water on land before putting bait into the bin.
2. Ask anglers who are using live bait to make a pledge to dispose of their unwanted bait in the trash. First, ask them if they would like a bait bucket sticker, which is a simple in-boat reminder to properly dispose of fishing bait. Next, you can use one of two scripts:
 - "Would you be willing to add your name to a list of people that have pledged to dispose of unwanted bait properly, in the trash or compost?" or
 - "Can we count on you to dispose of your unwanted bait properly, in the trash or compost?" when they say yes, ask them: "would you add your name to a growing list of anglers who are committed to protecting our lakes?"
 - If they agree to sign the commitment list, ask them if it is okay to display their name, along with other angler's names, on social media to show the growing number of anglers properly disposing of fishing bait. (This question is already on commitment signing sheet but ask them as they sign the paper to ensure they see the question).Have them sign commitments on the provided form. If they decline, make note of that on a separate form provided. The forms should be given to your supervisor when you submit your timesheet.
3. Inform one of your supervisors if the bin needs maintenance (if bin is full, has excessive odor, or is damaged).

Practice Script

(Adapted from Lake County SWCD Document)





Attachment 2 - Bait Disposal Station Installation Locations

Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District

Lake	Permission Granted?	Ownership	Installed?
Forest West	Yes	City of Forest Lake	June 3rd
Forest Middle	Yes	DNR	May 28th
Forest East	Yes	DNR	May 28th
Comfort	Yes	DNR	May 28th
Bone	Yes	DNR	May 28th

Washington Conservation District

Lake	Permission Granted?	Ownership	Installed?
Square	Yes	County	Yes
Big Marine North	Yes	DNR	Yes
Big Marine Park	Yes	County	Yes
Elmo	Yes	County	Yes
Jane Lake	Yes	DNR	7/19/2021
Demontreville	Yes	DNR	7/19/2021
Big Carnelian	Yes	DNR	7/19/2021

Chisago County

Lake	Permission Granted?	Ownership	Installed?
East Rush	Yes	DNR	Installed on August 12th
West Rush	Yes	DNR	Installed on August 12th
Fish	No for now	Chisago County	The county backed out for now but is willing to reconsider the project at a later time
North Center	Yes	DNR	Installed on August 12th
South Center	Yes	DNR	Installed on August 12th
Green Lake	Yes	DNR	Installed on August 12th
Chisago/Lindstrom	Yes	DNR	Installed on August 12th

Attachment 3 - Summary of Bait Bin Inspection Data

Date	Access Name	Amount of Material In Bin	Contamination in Bin	Amount of Litter on Ground around Bin
9/5/2021	Forest East	B) 1/4 Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
9/8/2021	Forest Middle	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
9/8/2021	Forest West	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
9/10/2021	Forest East	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
9/10/2021	Forest West	B) 1/4 Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	C) Many small items
9/12/2021	Forest Middle	C) Half Full	D) Bin is mostly filled with contamination	B) Few small items
9/12/2021	Bone Lake	E) Completely Full	E) Bin is entirely filled with contamination	A) Nothing
9/12/2021	Forest East	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
9/12/2021	Comfort Lake	C) Half Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	B) Few small items
9/17/2021	Forest East	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
9/17/2021	Comfort Lake	C) Half Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	B) Few small items
9/19/2021	Forest East	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
9/19/2021	Forest East	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
9/19/2021	Forest West	X	X	X
9/22/2021	Comfort Lake	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
9/25/2021	Bone Lake	X	X	X
9/26/2021	Forest Middle	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Bone Lake	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Forest West	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Forest East	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Square	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Big Marine North	C) Half Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Big Marine Park	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/1/2021	Big Carnelian	C) Half Full	B) Small amount of contamination	B) Few small items
10/3/2021	Forest Middle	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/3/2021	Comfort Lake	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/3/2021	Forest West	C) Half Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
10/3/2021	Forest East	A) Empty	A) No contamination	X
10/3/2021	Bone Lake	B) 1/4 Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Forest West	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Bone Lake	X	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Elmo	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Big Marine North	C) Half Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Big Carnelian	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Big Marine Park	C) Half Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Square	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Forest Middle	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Demontreville	C) Half Full	D) Bin is mostly filled with contamination	A) Nothing
10/6/2021	Jane	B) 1/4 Full	E) Bin is entirely filled with contamination	A) Nothing
10/8/2021	Forest Middle	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/8/2021	Forest West	C) Half Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/10/2021	Bone Lake	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/10/2021	Forest Middle	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/10/2021	Comfort Lake	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/13/2021	Forest West	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/13/2021	?	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/13/2021	Comfort Lake	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	B) Few small items
10/15/2021	Jane	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	B) Few small items
10/15/2021	Demontreville	B) 1/4 Full	E) Bin is entirely filled with contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Big Marine North	B) 1/4 Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	B) Few small items
10/15/2021	Big Marine Park	C) Half Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Square	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Big Carnelian	E) Completely Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Elmo	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Forest East	D) 3/4 Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Bone Lake	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/15/2021	Forest West	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/16/2021	Forest West	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/17/2021	Forest Center	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/17/2021	Bone Lake	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/17/2021	Comfort Lake	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/20/2021	Comfort Lake	B) 1/4 Full	A) No contamination	B) Few small items
10/22/2021	Forest Middle	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/22/2021	Forest East	C) Half Full	B) Small amount of contamination	B) Few small items
10/22/2021	Forest West	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/22/2021	Elmo	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/22/2021	Demontreville	C) Half Full	E) Bin is entirely filled with contamination	B) Few small items
10/22/2021	Jane	B) 1/4 Full	E) Bin is entirely filled with contamination	A) Nothing
10/24/2021	Forest Middle	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/24/2021	Forest East	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/24/2021	Forest West	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/24/2021	Comfort Lake	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	B) Few small items
10/24/2021	Bone Lake	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	B) Few small items
10/25/2021	Big Marine North	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
10/25/2021	Square	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/25/2021	Big Marine Park	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
10/25/2021	Big Carnelian	C) Half Full	C) Fair amount of Contamination	A) Nothing
11/5/2021	Green	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing
11/5/2021	South Center	A) Empty	A) No contamination	A) Nothing
11/5/2021	Chisago/South Lindstrom	B) 1/4 Full	B) Small amount of contamination	A) Nothing

Name of Inspector _____

Behavior Change Grant – Bait Disposal Bin Inspection Sheet

Name of Access _____

Date and time of Inspection _____

- **Visually estimate how much material is in the bin. Please circle one option:**
A) Empty B) ¼ Full C) Half Full D) ¾ Full E) Completely Full F) Overflowing

- **Visually estimate and record the amount of contamination in the bin (contamination is anything that should not be in there such as cans, plastic bottles, glass, etc.) Please circle one option:**
A) No Contamination B) Small amount of contamination C) Fair amount of Contamination
D) Bin is mostly filled with contamination E) Bin is entirely filled with contamination

- **Visually estimate and record the amount of litter on the ground within about 20 feet of the bin. Please circle one answer:**
A) Nothing B) Few small items C) Many small items D) Many small and large items

- **Please remember to take a photo inside the bin of the contents before disposing of waste.**

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B) Nothing B) Few small items C) Many small items D) Many small and large items

- **Please remember to take a photo inside the bin of the contents before disposing of waste.**

Attachment 4 - Behavior Commitment and Declined Offer Tracking Documents

Proper Bait Disposal Commitments

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Permission to use name on a social media list to encourage others to help protect our fisheries and lakes? Circle: Yes or No

For Inspector to fill out:

Lake Access Name: _____ Accepted a sticker? Yes or No

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Permission to use name on a social media list to encourage others to help protect our fisheries and lakes? Circle: Yes or No

For Inspector to fill out:

Lake Access Name: _____ Accepted a sticker? Yes or No

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Permission to use name on a social media list to encourage others to help protect our fisheries and lakes? Circle: Yes or No

For Inspector to fill out:

Lake Access Name: _____ Accepted a sticker? Yes or No

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Permission to use name on a social media list to encourage others to help protect our fisheries and lakes? Circle: Yes or No

For Inspector to fill out:

Lake Access Name: _____ Accepted a sticker? Yes or No

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Permission to use name on a social media list to encourage others to help protect our fisheries and lakes? Circle: Yes or No

For Inspector to fill out:

Lake Access Name: _____ Accepted a sticker? Yes or No

Number of Declined Commitments for Proper Bait Disposal

Date: _____ Lake Access Name: _____

Tally the number of declined commitments:

Total number of declines at end of shift: _____

Date: _____ Lake Access Name: _____

Tally the number of declined commitments:

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Attachment 5 - Online Bait Survey Handout

Bait Surveys 2021

Introduction

The purpose of this survey is to gather information to inform strategies to protect Minnesota lakes and rivers from the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

If you have any questions about this survey, please email us at garrett.miller@clflwd.org.

Hello Minnesota Angler!

We need your help to prevent the introduction and spread of non-native, aquatic invasive plants and animals in Minnesota lakes and rivers. Please complete the following 10 to 15-minute survey to help us better understand anglers' knowledge and viewpoints about aquatic invasive species. Your input will inform new programs and initiatives that will help prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Minnesota.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Your personal information will not be associated with your response and will not be used for any other purpose. Any survey data collected is classified as public data.

Thank you!

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