

AEPP48816 Closeout

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The Calumet County AIS project has come to an end. From May, 2016 through May 2017 we continued to do AIS Education, Prevention and Planning. We did outreach at major events, including the Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show in Oshkosh and the Mills Fleet Farm Sports and Outdoor Show in Green Bay in both August and April.

Outreach to anglers belonging to fishing clubs continued, with the Quinney Fishing Club and others. This year the outreach to waterfowl hunters was expanded dramatically. Not only do waterfowl hunters move a lot of equipment between water bodies, but about 70% of them also fish. Since many of the waterfowl hunters fish the Bay of Green Bay and then shuttle to Winnebago and/or Horicon, this is a very important target audience for this part of the state. Not only was there a statewide WDNR focus on waterfowl hunters this year, but this program added an event organized by Ducks Unlimited chapters from Beaver Dam, Fairwater, Fond du Lac, Horicon, Mayville, Oshkosh, Ripon, Rush Lake, Sheboygan and Waupun. This is in addition to the regular outreach to chapters in Kaukauna, Darboy, Green Bay and De Pere. The AIS Coordinator also attended a Wisconsin Waterfowl Association banquet in Manitowoc. The representative of WWA asked that I share the information that anyone who wants to attend any of their events statewide to educate membership about AIS is welcome. Nice.

Additional outreach to hunters, most of who also fish, was at Hunter Safety classes in both Menasha and with the Outagamie Conservation Club. At the AIS/CISMA meetings in March, 2017, I gave a presentation to the group encouraging them to consider expanding their AIS and general Prevent the Spread messaging to hunters. Hunter Safety classes, Learn to Hunt classes for all types of critters, were addressed. This topic, including Boater Safety classes, was again brought up and discussed at the Southeast Wisconsin AIS Coordinators meeting in Plymouth March 30, 2017.

Back to anglers. We attended a number of Kids Fishing events around the Winnebago system working with nearly 1,000 children and their accompanying adults. There were lots of kids with worms on the lines dangling at the edge of the water in Menasha, Kaukauna and Oshkosh and none of them caught a round goby. We participated in Ice Your Catch, the Landing Blitz, Bait Show Initiative and AIS Bridge Snapshot Day. A list of events and press releases is attached to this report.

Calumet County recorded more than two hundred hours of Clean Boats Clean Waters. All of the data was entered into SWIMS. The intern also performed the Special Projects program for Clean Boats Clean Waters. The Calumet County intern worked the launches primarily, but not exclusively, from Fond du Lac to High Cliff. This was so the U.W. Oshkosh interns wouldn't have to drive as far throughout the summer. The county intern also partnered with the WDNR. He spoke with shore anglers in the Fond du Lac area about round gobies, and none of them had caught any. He also performed goby monitoring in the Neenah/Menasha area where the WDNR requested. He used hook and line and he did not catch any.

The discovery of the established population of round gobies changed things for the AIS program. More time was spent monitoring for gobies and talking with shore anglers than expected. The Bait Shop outreach turned into a goby card and poster distribution project. A DNR round goby meeting scheduled June 14th caused the cancellation of plans to work the Calumet County Law Enforcement Fishing Tournament at Stockbridge Harbor. But the goby education and outreach had become a very high priority.

We still had water hyacinth in Winneconne. An aquatic invasive plants identification program was held in Oshkosh. A water hyacinth hunt was scheduled for Sept. 16, 2016. The plan was to meet at the park pavilion in Winneconne to train volunteers what to look for, a CLMN style training. A Water Guard was scheduled to attend to demonstrate decontamination of equipment. Then the "fleet of kayaks" would hit the water and collect water hyacinth. Unfortunately, only one volunteer registered. So Valerie Stabenow, who coordinated most of the event, hit the water with the one volunteer. They collected plants. The locations were noted and provided to the WDNR. The additional trainings and decontamination portion of the event were canceled.

AIS Bridge Snapshot Day was a success, though. We held a Train the Trainer type meeting in August so all the Team Leaders were on board with the volunteer trainings. Then on Sept. 10, 2016, thirty-eight volunteers received a modified CLMN training on AIS and they set out preselected sites with access to the water to find AIS. Teams Chilton and Appleton had decent weather, but Team Fond du Lac only had two and a half hours between thunderstorms. They did great, though, reconfirming faucet snails at the sites where we have found them previously. They were all recorded into SWIMS when found. The good news is that nothing new and scary was found in 2016.

The biggest glitch in the program was developing a monitoring plan for the Winnebago system. The intention was to work with the Winnebago Waterways group as they began working on a full lake management plan for the Winnebago system. However, there were problems in getting that started, including, but limited to, financing and politics. Things have been straightened out now, but the formal launch for the Lake Plan was held April 27, 2017, too late for participation by this one year project. More than a decade ago, the Winnebago Lakes Council developed an AIS Strategic Plan for the Winnebago system. We worked with Korin Doering with Fox-Wolf Watershed on evaluating that plan. Changes, improvements, and additions were suggested. There was little else that could be done. In addition, the WDNR was preparing a round goby monitoring plan which was not completed until late March, 2017. The timing just simply didn't work out.

One other disappointment was the cancelation of the AIS Water Guard Decontamination Group Check in August. It rained and stormed all day, so it was good that the event was canceled rather than use lots of mileage expense and payroll for a day when nobody was boating or angling. Between that and the cancelation of the Decon Demo for the water hyacinth hunt Sept. 17, 2016, both attempts failed, and it was too late in the season to reschedule.

Yet it was a good year. We expanded outreach to new groups and organizations. We had the good fortune of partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service AIS monitors out of Green Bay. Teaming up with such knowledgeable professionals has added immeasurably to this AIS program. Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance has received a three year AIS grant to continue with AIS Education, Prevention and Planning within the Winnebago system. I hope they enjoy this job as much as I have.

May 2016-April 2017 Outreach and Events

Events

Ducks Unlimited, Banquet, Darboy Chapter, May 10, 2016.

Drain Campaign: Picked up ice packs in Green Bay and started freezing them at Calumet County Park, May 16, 2016. Distributed ice packs during the scheduled dates of June 10-12, 2016, and throughout the summer until gone.

Ducks Unlimited 50 Gun Bash, at the Fond du Lac Expo Center, June 18, 2016. AIS booth set-up, many excellent questions, including many about the round goby. This event was unusual because it was a regional event organized by and attended by D.U. members from nine chapters, Beaver Dam, Fairwater, Fond du Lac, Horicon, Mayville, Oshkosh, Ripon, Sheboygan and Waupun. About 400 people attended.

Hunter Safety Class, Menasha Public Library, June 23, 2016. AIS education and materials distribution, twenty four students.

Sundae on the Farm, AIS educational outreach, June 26, 2016.

Eric Peterson from Fox 11 News filmed a piece at High Cliff State Park about the 4th of July Landing Blitz, July 1, 2016. CB/CW interns Peter and Ben participated in the filming.

All CB/CW interns participated in the Landing Blitz during the 4th of July weekend, July 2-4, 2016.

Presentation on aquatic invasive plants by Paul Skawinski for Winnebago County Master Gardeners, Aug. 5, 2016. This was organized by Valerie Stabenow and the Master Gardener Coordinator. I attended and participated and provided outreach materials for attendees.

Ducks Unlimited, Banquet, Rush Lake Chapter, Aug. 6, 2016. AIS table with educational materials and handouts. Two hundred twenty paid attendees.

August 13, 2016, was a very busy day. The Greater Outdoor Festival was held at the Sunny View Expo Center in Oshkosh. The U.W. Oshkosh interns worked the AIS booth from Aug. 13-15. Samantha Olsen worked with us to provide Water Guards to provide AIS education at the Otter Street Fishing Club Kids Fishing Day (300+ youths!) and to assist at the Quinney Fishing Club Sheepshead Fishing Tournament (70 boat tourney).

Mills Fleet Farm Sports and Outdoor Expo, Lambeau Atrium, Green Bay, Aug. 26-27, 2016. AIS booth also had staffing assistance by CB/CW interns and Water Guards.

Ducks Unlimited, Waterfowl Hunters Party, Green Bay Chapter, Aug. 25, 2016. AIS outreach booth.

AIS Bridge Snapshot Day, Sept. 10, 2016. Once again we coordinated teams in Winneconne, Fond du Lac, Calumet County, and Appleton to train volunteer monitors and look for, record and bag AIS at designated locations throughout the Winnebago system. More than 100 volunteer hours were recorded on that day, with the help of paid AIS staff at each training location.

Winneconne Water Hyacinth Hunt was held Sept. 17, 2016. Meetings and conference calls to coordinate this began in July, press releases were prepared and sent, all looked good, but only one volunteer signed up. Valerie and her volunteer did find and remove bags of water hyacinth.

Wisconsin Waterfowl Association Banquet, Manitowoc Chapter, Dec. 1, 2016. AIS education, outreach to the 140 attendees.

Fox Valley Trout Unlimited event, Trout Fest, Appleton, Jan. 14, 2017. AIS education and outreach booth.

Hunter Safety Class, Outagamie Conservation Club, Jan. 26, 2017. AIS education and materials distribution.

Ducks Unlimited State Convention, Stevens Point, Feb. 3-4, 2017.

Ducks Unlimited Sportsman's Night Out, Kaukauna Chapter, Feb. 28, 2017, attended with AIS materials and specimens.

Northeast Wisconsin Sport Fishin' Show, Sunny View Expo Center, Oshkosh, March 3-5. AIS booth, double size, 10' X 20' to accommodate the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service four Asian carp mounts, lamprey mounts, other materials and their staff. The USFWS AIS folks helped staff the booth for the entire show. Kelly Reyer (FWWA) and Shannon Davis-Foust (U.W. Oshkosh) also assisted.

Mills Fleet Farm Sports and Outdoor Show, Lambeau Atrium, Green Bay, April 7-8, 2017. Invited USFWS to share the AIS booth. Staffing assist by USFWS and WDNR Water Guards. Water Guards will take over the AIS booth now, and USFWS may have their own booth in August for their AIS education, carp mounts, specimens, and tools.

Clean Boats Clean Waters

The Calumet County AIS program partnered closely with the U. W. Oshkosh Clean Boats Clean Waters interns. We worked together to target busy launches, tournaments of events. When touring the launches to visit the Calumet CB/CW intern, others were visited as well. I did intern checks on many occasions, including May 15, 28, 30, June 12, 21, July 2,3,4,9, August 8,14, and Sept. 3. The checks were to say Hello, answer questions, provide ice packs and other materials as needed. The partnership and teamwork was great.

Clean Boat intern hired and started May 11, 2016, with the first day on the launches May 13th.

UW Oshkosh interns first visit to High Cliff. Met with them and worked launches with them, May 15th, 2016.

Warden Group Check, May 30, 2016. The group check included six CB/CW interns from Calumet County and U.W. Oshkosh plus five wardens from around the Winnebago system.

Spoke to UW Oshkosh CB/CW interns about AIS outreach and working with anglers at their weekly meeting, June 8, 2016.

CB/CW interviews for U.W. Oshkosh interns, April 11, 2017.

Tournaments

Stockbridge Walleye Tournament, Stockbridge Harbor, 120 boats, June 4, 2016. Arranged to have CB/CW interns work the launch.

Quinney Fishing Club Sheepshead Tournament, Aug. 13, 2016. Thanks to a Water Guard for help!

Kids Fishing Days

Lil' Anglers, Kids Fishing Day, Thousand Islands Nature Preserve, Kaukauna, May 21, 2016. Fishing the Fox River, 170 youths plus parents. No round gobies were caught.

CB/CW intern taught AIS to the Oshkosh Middle School Fishing Club at their Kids Fishing event in Menomonie Park, Oshkosh, May 24, 2016.

Kids Fishing Day, Jefferson Park, Menasha. Coordinated by Heckrodt Wetland Reserve with 160 youths, plus parents, all morning, June 4, 2016. No round gobies were caught.

Kids Learn to Fish with Greg Karch at High Cliff State Park, Sherwood. Forty youth plus parents learned to fish and about AIS during the afternoon, June 4, 2016.

Otter Street Fishing Club Kids Fishing Day, Menomonie Park, Oshkosh, August 13, 2016. They cap the event at 400 youths, plus adults are with them. Roger Arnould attended to keep an eye out for gobies. None were caught. It was a great educational event.

Meetings

Meeting with Jessica Schultz, Executive Director of Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance to discuss out partnership for AIS outreach and education throughout the Winnebago System, May 5, 2016.

Meeting with Paul Tollard, County Conservationist, Fond du Lac County, re: AIS Coordination around the Winnebago system, May 19, 2016.

Meeting with Tom Davies, County Conservationist, Winnebago County, re: AIS Coordination around the Winnebago system, May 25, 2016. Natural Resource Educator, Chad Cook, also attended.

Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, Board of Directors meeting, June 1, 2016; July 26; Sept. 19;

Participated in a meeting regarding the round goby situation in Little Lake Butte des Morts held at the Oshkosh DNR Service Center June 14, 2016; Aug. 23; Sept. 27.

Brock Woods, WDNR, came to Calumet County to view our large population of NR 40 split-listed *Glyceria maxima*. We met at the site and discussed possible partial control options, June 17, 2016.

Met with Warden Disher at Stockbridge Harbor and discussed working with boaters, June 21, 2016.

AIS coordination meeting at The Refuge in Appleton June 28, 2016. The meeting was about AIS programs and potential continuation beyond 2017. In attendance were Jess Schultz and Kelly Reyer from FWWA, Dani Santry and Tony Reali from Calumet County. Tom Davies from Winnebago County joined by phone.

Met Samantha Olson, Water Guard coordinator at DNR Service Center, Oshkosh, Aug. 4, 2016. We toured boat launches to check for appropriateness of sites for use of Decontamination Units for upcoming Aug. 20, 2016 AIS Water Guard Group Check for the Winnebago system. Sites were approved, press releases written, but the event was cancelled because of serious rain.

Snapshot Day meeting with Team Leaders at The Refuge in Appleton, Aug. 30, 2016. In attendance were Kelly Reyer, Ellen Balthasor, Dani Santry, Samantha Olsen, Shannon Davis-Foust, and Diane Schauer. We planned the day, discussed monitoring and training of our volunteer monitors.

Conference call on the water hyacinth situation in Winneconne, Sept. 27, 2016.

Met Samantha Olson at High Cliff State Park to hand off waterfowl hunter posters, banners, brochures and boot brushes for the upcoming waterfowl hunter blitz, Sept. 28, 2016.

Attended AIS Coordinators meeting Nov. 15, 2016, at Mead Wildlife Area, Milladore, WI. Presented on outreach to waterfowl hunters.

Met with Korin at FWWA, Nov. 18, 2016 to discuss regional AIS coordination and deliver materials from the AIS Coordinators meeting.

Met with Amy Kretlow, WDNR Plymouth, Nov. 21 to discuss regional AIS issues, particularly those concerning Winnebago.

Met with Tony Reali and Jeni Kline, Dec. 21, 2016, about invasive species education in Calumet County for 2017.

Met with Greg Karch, Jan. 12, 2017, to give him kid packs and a few specimens for his AIS education during his Kids Fishing programs for 2017.

Met with Tom Seibert, Wisconsin Waterfowl Association, re: AIS and attending events, Feb. 8, 2017.

Met with Korin FWWA re: AIS Strategic Plan for the Winnebago system. Updates and comments for the outdated Winnebago Lakes Council plan, Feb. 22, 2017.

AIS and CISMA meetings, March 14-15, 2017, at Mead Wildlife Area. I presented on outreach to hunters: Hunter Safety classes, Learn to Hunt classes and waterfowl hunter outreach. I helped coordinate the scheduling of USFWS AIS monitoring staff to attend and present to improve communication between the USFWS and the rest of statewide AIS partners.

AIS Southeast Region Coordinators meeting, March 30, 2017, Plymouth DNR Service Center.

Organizations

Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, Board of Directors meeting, June 1, 2016; July 26; Sept. 19; Nov. 14, Jan. 9, 2017 and March 13.

Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) conference call, Oct. 7, 2016, as representative of IPAW and Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area.

CISMA meeting, Green Bay, March 15, 2017. Helped plan and coordinate the meeting. Presented on outreach to hunters: Hunter Safety Classes, Learn to Hunts, and waterfowl outreach.

Publications and Press Releases

“Invasive species targeted at boat landings” by Eric Peterson, Fox 11 online, July 2, 2016, video and text online.

“Aquatic Invasive Species Free Watercraft Decontaminations, Aug. 20, 2016” by Diane Schauer, submitted to Appleton Post Crescent and Oshkosh Reporter on Aug. 16, 2016.

“AIS Bridge Snapshot Day, Volunteers needed”, by Diane Schauer in newsletter *Waterways*, newsletter of the Winnebago Lakes Council, Summer, 2016, p. 4; *The Source*, newsletter of the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, 9/19/2016.

“Water Hyacinth found near Winneconne”, *The Source*, FWWA, 9/19/2016.

“Water Hyacinth Volunteer Opportunity”, was posted on the FWWA Facebook page, Butte des Morts Conservation Club Facebook page, and the Butte des Morts Conservation Club’s website on August 3, 2016. Also in *Waterways*, newsletter for the WLC, Summer, 2016, p. 4.

Miscellaneous

Participated as a panelist in Water Guard interviews in Wausau, May 6-7, 2016.

Attended the Invader Crusader Awards presentation in Horicon. Valerie Stabenow received an award for her discovery and removal of NR 40 listed water hyacinth in Winneconne, June 9, 2016.

Regularly stopped in at Schumacher’s Shanty and Rippin’ Lips Tackle bait shops when in Stockbridge, all summer. Had a volunteer post round goby information and distribute goby cards to bait shops throughout Fond du Lac County. Two major bait shops in Winnebago County closed; the other large one in Winneconne was still well equipped with information.

Attended the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, La Crosse, WI, Oct. 16-19. Gave a presentation on “A Review of One Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator Model in Wisconsin, Oct. 17, 2016.

Participated as a panelist in Water Guard interviews in Wausau, Jan. 29-31, 2017. Forty five candidates were interviewed. Long days!

Had numerous meetings and discussions about coordination of AIS outreach with Samantha Olson. Some of the discussions were about the Winnebago Decontamination Group Check. The communication also resulted in the Water Guards assisting at both Mills Fleet Farm events, Otter Street Fishing Club Kids Fishing Day, the Quinney Fishing Club Tournament, Waterfowl Hunter outreach, and the posting of round goby posters at many access points along the lower Fox River from Appleton to Green Bay. Thank you to the Water Guards from around the state for assisting the AIS education throughout the Winnebago system.

Watercraft Inspection Results - Calumet County

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Watercraft Inspection Efforts

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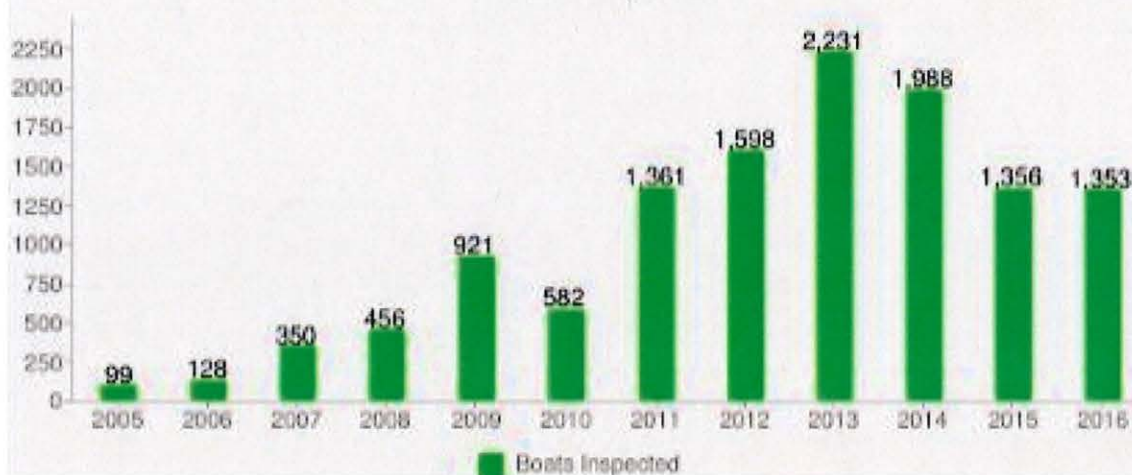
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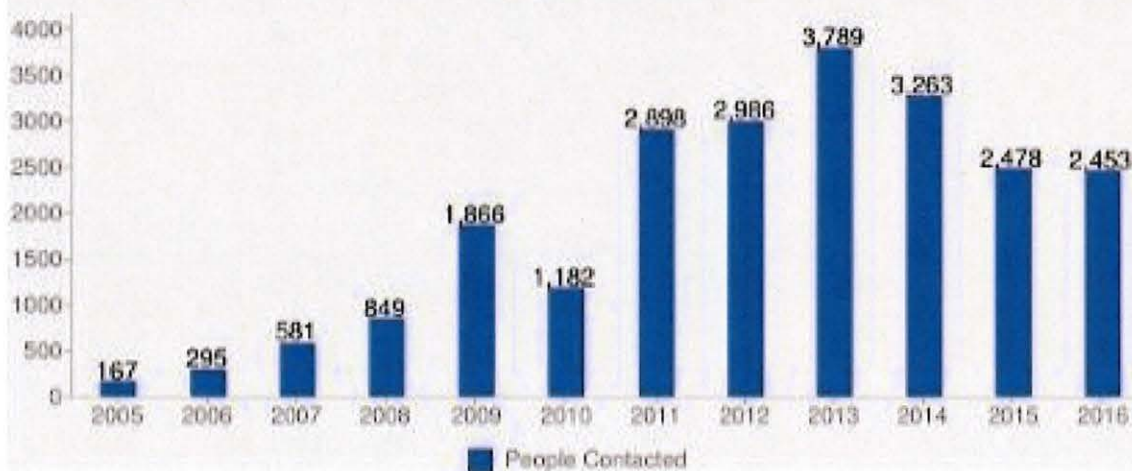
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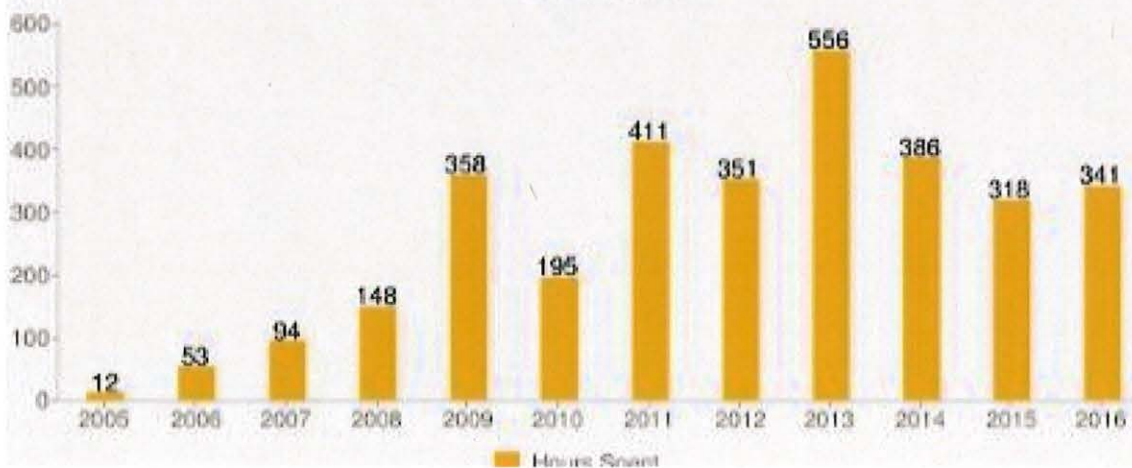
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Aquatic Invasive Species Free Watercraft Decontaminations

August 20, 2016

6 am- 10 am High Cliff State Park Marina and Menomonie Park, Oshkosh

4 pm-8-pm Stockbridge Harbor and Rainbow Park, Oshkosh

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is using multiple approaches to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). One option is the use of decontamination machine to clean boats before they enter or when they leave contaminated waters.

The portable decontamination unit actually kills invasive organisms without using chemicals. The machine has all the proper and precise attachments to decontaminate all watercraft including personal watercraft, recreational accessories plus large and small watercraft. This system used by the WDNR Water Guards uses no chemical agents. The entire decontamination process relies on a constant and consistent 140 degree hot water wash and rinse.

The WDNR approach to controlling aquatic invasive species combines the use of equipment such of this portable unit as well as education. Bob Wakeman, AIS Coordinator for the state of Wisconsin, said "I think there is a role for the power washers to play in a comprehensive AIS program."

Join Conservation Wardens and six Wisconsin Water Guards for a watercraft decontaminations. Bring your boat to see how the hot water generated by this high-pressure portable unit will kill zebra mussels, VHS, and other aquatic invasive species without using chemicals. Members of Lake Associations are strongly encouraged to attend. For questions, please contact Diane Schauer, AIS Coordinator for the Winnebago system at Schauer.diane@co.calumet.wi.us.

Students who provide education as part of the Clean Boat/Clean Water program directed by the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, will also be in attendance to answer questions about their role in educating the public about the threat of AIS to our lakes and rivers.

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Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Bridge Snapshot Day 2016

Posted on 09.19.16 by Diane Schauer, Calumet County LCD Invasive Species Coordinator



The Third Annual AIS Bridge Snapshot Day was held on Sept. 10th. Teams of volunteers set out from Appleton, Chilton, Fond du Lac and Winneconne between thunderstorms to look for new aquatic invasive species. There were sixty participants monitoring at forty seven sites throughout the Winnebago system. Though the participants returned with zebra mussels,

Eurasian water milfoil, and both faucet and mystery snails, no new AIS were found.

The rain may have hampered our ability to get to as many sites as in previous years, but it didn't hamper our fun! A good time was had by all.

Thanks to all the volunteers!

Categories: Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Lower Fox River, Outreach and Education, Volunteer Opportunity, Watershed Recovery, Winnebago Waterways

Tags: AIS, Snapshot Day

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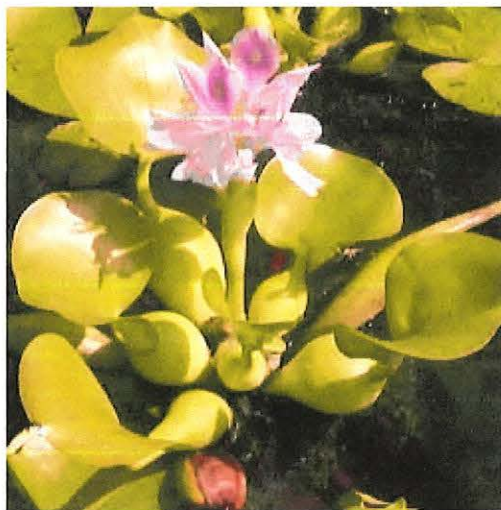
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They're Back ... Water Hyacinth found near Winneconne

Posted on 09.19.16 by Diane Schauer, Calumet County LCD Invasive Species Coordinator



In October, 2015, intrepid paddler and volunteer Valerie Stabenow discovered water hyacinth in the channels near her home in Winneconne. Water hyacinth is an invasive plant that is now prohibited from sale or use in Wisconsin because of the threat that it poses to our lakes and rivers. Valerie reported the discovery and teams of AIS staff descended on the area and mapped and removed all the plants they could find.

Sept. 17, 2016, Valerie met with Linda Loker, the co-President of the Winnebago County Master Gardeners for a paddle. Alas, they found more water hyacinth in a few of the locations where it had been found in 2015. The

number of plants was substantially fewer than last year. The WDNR will have teams out scouring the area for additional patches very soon.

Stay tuned for an update in an upcoming issue of The Source."

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