Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Updates

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* Made large changes to the draft of the County AIS No Transport Ordinance by reducing the number of definitions, addressing loopholes, and inserted a note to change the enforcement/citation language to match other ordinances so there is uniformity. These changes followed returned comments and suggestions from the Red Cliff Treaty Natural Resources Division and a meeting with the County DA to discuss if the ordinance was prosecutable. I will be meeting with Corporate Counsel soon to discuss if what I’d like to propose is enforceable, if it can be stricter than state law, etc.
* Dewinterized the boat wash unit with Ben, Ramona, and Robert so our remaining intern can use it during weekends in September. This will give people a chance to wash their boats when they pull them out for the season and produce match for the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant.
* Helped with the Lake Ecology Education Program aquatic plant module in the Drummond 7th grade classes.
* Attended two County AIS Committee meetings, the second of which was to vote on resolutions supporting the search for AIS program funding.
* Gained a great deal of support from the Red Cliff Treaty Natural Resources Division when they invited me out to help with AIS surveys, and the Project Coordinator contacted a new potential business representative for the AIS Committee.
* Attended the Town of Barnes AIS Committee meeting
* Conducted a meander survey of George Lake in Barnes
* Hand pulled/dug out purple loosestrife along certain roadsides in the County