Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Updates

Andrew Teal

04/24-5/5/17

* Conducted two Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) trainings at Namakagon Community Hall and Barnes Town Hall
* Attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in Barnes and provided updates about the AIS program for 2017, and expressed my gratitude for their continued participation
* Attended NCWMA meeting at the Ashland DNR Office and took minutes for Adam
* Assisted with the Lake Ecology Education Program lab module for macroinvertebrates at the Drummond Middle School
* Picked up and coordinated the delivery of posters for the Northwoods Invasive Species Poster Contest, which Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department runs each year.
* I also picked up 18 cases of ice packs for the Drain Campaign (runs June 9-11), 35 sets of zebra mussel sampling plates, several preserved invasive critters, and about a dozen large coffee cans to make hand scoops for sampling substrates in lakes and rivers. I delivered lots of CBCW gear, including shirts, handouts, and ice packs, to lake associations throughout the county. These included Cable Lakes, Lake Namakagon, Lake Owen, and the Eau Claire Lakes. I will deliver Pike Chain and Long Lake ice packs soon.
* Appeared at the WI Governor’s Fishing Opener and Fishing Expo at Lakewoods Resort on Lake Namakagon and interacted with 56 people. Made a few new contacts too, including a Regional Tourism Specialist with Travel Wisconsin (the Wisconsin Department of Tourism).
* Completed the online Security Awareness training for cyber security mandated by Bayfield County IT. I found it to be quite useful, and learned a few new things about what is potentially at risk.