Aquatic Invasive Species Updates

7/3-7/15/2017

Andrew Teal

* Managed interns; sent them to designated landings, submitted mileage and payroll for them, worked out scheduling conflicts
* Participated in Landing Blitz campaign during 4th of July weekend
* Clipped yellow iris flowers and capsules with two Northland College interns, Emma and Marisa, at Lake Owen (returned later to dig up a patch on my own)
* Clipped yellow iris flowers and seed capsules and marked GPS points at Atkins Lake
* Controlled knotweed with Colleen Matula of the WI DNR and volunteer Jane Swenson in Iron River
* Attended Town of Barnes AIS Committee meeting in Barnes
* Conducted early detection/response monitoring with Madeline Roberts and Jeremy Bates from the DNR. Over the course of three days we monitored: several stream miles of the Iron River for curly-leaf pondweed; and Long, Half Moon, and Drummond Lakes for zebra mussel veligers, aquatic invasive plants, bottom-dwelling invertebrates, and shoreline/wetland invasive plants. Nymphia Lake we physically could not launch our boat, so we did not monitor it. Twin Lake(s) are soon to come.
* Attended Invasive Species ID Day with several partners at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. We reportedly had 127 people at that event, in conjunction with other northern counties. Awesome!
* Reserved space at the Bayfield County Fair
* Began prep and recruiting for AIS Snapshot Day 2017
* Kyra Thornley, one of our interns, has been managing our Facebook page for the summer. She created a post that apparently really grabbed attention, generating 1200 views!
* Attended and set up a display at the Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Area Annual Meeting and gave a brief report of AIS goings-on in the county, which was well received. Even got a diver who was looking for something to do with AIS, and we hooked him up with the Diver Assisted Suction Harvester designers and operators! It has been a productive few weeks!