**Shawano & Menominee Counties AIS Report**

**SWG: AEPP56218**

**April 2020 – June 2020**

**Goal 1: Change boater, angler, and waterfowl hunter behavior to prevent the spread of AIS**

**1a: Coordinate and implement a comprehensive and effective CBCW campaign for Shawano and Menominee Counties**

5/5/20: Hosted a virtual CBCW watercraft inspector training. Training was attended by paid inspectors from LLPRD and CLPA, and Connecting Our Waters volunteer inspector.

**1b: Expand the CBCW program for 2018 and 2019**

4/15/20: Sent invitation to virtual CBCW watercraft inspector training to lake association partners.

5/5/20: Virtual watercraft inspector training attended by paid inspectors from LLPRD and CLPA, and Connecting Our Waters volunteer inspector.

5/15/20: 2020 CBCW updates (COVID-19 response and initiative updates) shared via Fox-Wolf site, on social media, and shared with lake association partners.

5/19/20: Sent CLPA information about decontamination stations and ordinance in Burnett County.

June 2020: Delivered Drain Campaign ice packs to LLPRD, CLPA, and SAWM.

6/30/20: Delivered decontamination station sign to Heather Pyatskowit.

**1c: Promote DNR, Wisconsin River Alliance, and UW-Extension AIS outreach campaigns throughout the counties**

5/12/20: Participated in Bait Shop Initiative by contacting Kuhn’s Bait & Tackle Palace to check on outreach supplies.

5/12/20: Participated in Bait Shop Initiative by contacting Hacker Bait & Tackle to check on outreach supplies.

**1d: Partner with local law enforcement to build partnerships**

June 2020: Asked Shawano County DNR conservation wardens to participate in Shawano County Park watercraft cleaning demonstration event.

**1e: Conduct outreach at events, explore partnership opportunities by attending local club and lake group meetings, increase awareness of AIS throughout counties through media**

4/13/20: Attended CLPA virtual meeting and presented about watercraft decontamination station.

June 2020: Press release sent to local news stations about watercraft cleaning demonstration event/Landing Blitz & Drain Campaign.

**Goal 2: Prevent new introductions of AIS by promoting Habitattitude and Organisms in Trade efforts**

**2a: Target pet owners, pet stores, animal rescues, water garden enthusiasts, and nurseries with AIS prevention message**

5/13/20: Provided Shawano Lawn and Stone Company with water garden educational materials

5/13/20: Provided Schneider & Sons Landscaping Inc. with water garden educational materials

**Goal 3: Expand DNR knowledge about AIS in Shawano and Menominee Counties by monitoring and reporting invasive species**

**3a: Conduct AIS monitoring according to DNR protocols, report new AIS sightings, and follow up with first response reports of AIS**

6/9/20: Conducted AIS monitoring on Legend Lake and got a tour of the lake, curly leaf pondweed control sites, and Horseshoe Island restoration work with LLPRD technicians.

**Goal 4: Build capacity by partnering with local counties, municipalities, and lake organizations to train staff and volunteers on AIS identification and reporting**

**4a: Develop presentations to train citizen monitors to participate in CBCW, CLMN, or ProjectRED**

5/5/20: Hosted a virtual CBCW watercraft inspector training. Training was attended by paid inspectors from LLPRD and CLPA, and Connecting Our Waters volunteer inspector.

**4b: Identify and train key citizen lake monitors to train other volunteers and participate it early detection monitoring, increase DNR knowledge of AIS in counties, and increase likelihood of preventing new AIS populations from establishing**

**Goal 5: Explore the need for updating the AIS Strategic Plans for Shawano and Menominee counties**

**5a: Work with Shawano and Menominee counties and other partners (create a list) to update and adopt new AIS management plans for the counties**

4/8/20: Met with TIP to walk through JK grant to compile data from first year of treatment and to create a plan for future data tracking.

5/7/20: Visited JK treatment sites to collect data.

**Other**

5/8/20: Met with Jeanne and Amanda (WDNR) to discuss volunteer monitoring for purple loosestrife plants and beetles in spring and summer of 2020.

4/1/20 – 4/3/20: Attended Lake and Rivers Convention.

4/8/20: Attended virtual purple loosestrife biocontrol updates/discussion meeting.

4/23/20 & 4/30/20: Attended virtual AIS Partnership meeting.

5/5/20: Participated in Lakes and Rivers Partnership monthly conference call.

5/6/20: Participated in Lake Michigan Basin county AIS Coordinators meeting

6/24/20: Attended UW-Extension aquatic plant ID webinar.