

Boat Landing AIS Monitoring Protocol

Walk along the **public property** for 100 feet in each direction from the boat landing (or to the public boundary). Stop every 10 feet and look around for 20 seconds at each location. Look for snail shells along the shoreline, or live snails crawling in the shallow water—do you see any Chinese mystery snails? Banded mystery snails? Rusty crayfish? Zebra mussels? Water socks or waders will allow you to see plants and animals better by walking in the water, but are not required.



Chinese mystery snail



Banded mystery snail



Rusty crayfish



Zebra mussel

Look at the aquatic plant community. Examine plant fragments that are washed up on shore, and look for growing beds of aquatic plants away from the shore—Do you see any Eurasian watermilfoil? Curly-leaf pondweed?

Optional: Toss a rake on a rope into the lake to sample suspicious-looking plants. Only throw the rake once in each location to avoid damaging the native plant community.



Eurasian watermilfoil



Curly-leaf pondweed



On your way back to the boat landing, **examine the shoreline.** Do you see any purple loosestrife? *Phragmites*? Japanese knotweed?



Purple loosestrife



Phragmites



Japanese knotweed

If you found any suspicious plants or animals, place them into a bag and bring them to your local AIS Coordinator or DNR office. Be sure to add water to the bag if the species came from the water. Keep the specimen moist and cool until it has been delivered to an expert for confirmation.

Fill out the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Presence/Absence Report, Form 3200-124.

If you think you have identified an aquatic invasive plant or animal that has not yet been documented in that waterbody, follow the directions at <http://dnr.wi.gov/invasives/aquatic/whattodo/> and fill out a WDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Incident Report.