

# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN



*Image: River Alliance of Wisconsin*

Wisconsin has updated and approved its plan for managing aquatic invasive species (AIS). By minimizing the impacts of AIS through "Prevent, Contain, Control", the **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources** seeks to protect native species and maintain stable aquatic ecosystems. Last updated in 2003, this new plan identifies current pathways for invasion, additional species of concern, and novel management strategies.

The newly-approved [Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan](#) espouses three main goals:

1. Prevent the introduction of new AIS into Wisconsin
2. Contain the spread of AIS in Wisconsin
3. Control existing populations of AIS to minimize harmful impacts

These goals are achieved through strategies and actions tailored towards distinct pathways:

1. Maritime commerce
2. Canals, dams and diversions
3. Recreational activities and service providers
4. Non-recreational fishing and aquaculture
5. Aquatic survey and monitoring activities

6. Transportation and utility corridors
7. Organisms in trade

View the [plan](#) to see how you can partner to manage AIS. Through education and outreach, collaboration, regulation and enforcement, and monitoring, regional communities can assist in reducing the spread of AIS. Use the plan to identify relevant invasion pathways and learn about implementing the appropriate strategies to help protect Wisconsin's inland waters.