

## Educational points that property owners may not be aware of.

How to prevent the introduction and movement of aquatic invasive species:

- Learn to recognize common invaders and keep an eye out for signs of new ones.
- Report sightings immediately.
- Inspect boats, trailers, and recreational equipment before use and after use.
- Remove all plants and animals and dispose of these organisms where they will not reenter the water.
- Thoroughly clean and drain all boats, kayaks, canoes, and recreational gear after use.
- Allow watercraft to dry completely before launching into another body of water.
- Do not release live fish, including bait, into a new body of water.
- Buy pets from reputable dealers whose non-native animals are properly labeled, legally imported, and not harboring invasive pests and diseases.
- Do not release unwanted pets into the environment. If you no longer want your pet, return it to a local pet shop for resale or trade, give it to another hobbyist, or donate it to a school, nursing home, or hospital.
- Avoid growing or buying plants known to be invasive.
- Do not dump aquatic plants or aquarium water into local waters. Many plants for water gardens and aquaria are highly invasive.

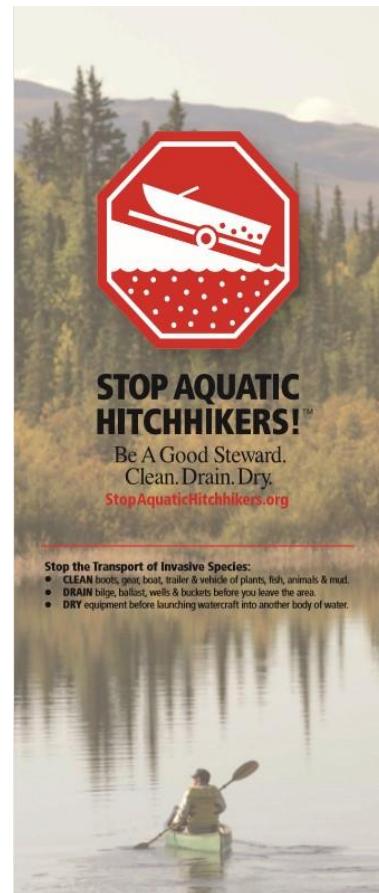
**CLEAN THESE AREAS OF YOUR BOAT.  
DRAIN EVERY CONCEIVABLE SPACE OR ITEM  
THAT CAN HOLD WATER.  
DRY COMPLETELY BEFORE LAUNCHING  
INTO ANOTHER WATERBODY.**



 **Clean**

 **Drain**

 **Dry**



# WASH"EM OFF! WIPE"EM OUT!

Protect Our Natural State.



#### Stop the Transport of Invasive Species:

- CLEAN boots, gear, boat, trailer & vehicle of plants, fish, animals & mud.
- DRAIN bilge, ballast, wells & buckets before you leave the area.
- DRY equipment before launching watercraft into another body of water.



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Invest in Nature. Clean Your Gear.



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# DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!

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