

# Protect our waters

## Did you know . . .



- Conservation officers and select fisheries staff can inspect, quarantine and decontaminate watercraft for invasive species.
- Inspection and prevention measures are coordinated with other agencies and jurisdictions.
- Canada Border Security Agency officers check private and commercial watercraft entering from the U.S.

Aquatic **invasive species** are non-native animals or plants.

They are **spread** by attaching to watercraft, trailers and related aquatic equipment.

They can be **impossible to eliminate** if they become established and cost millions of dollars to manage.

They are a **threat** to hydropower and wastewater plants, irrigation systems, fish and aquatic habitat, recreational activities, tourism and property values.



## Inspection and decontamination

- Targeted **check-stops** near Manitoba and U.S. borders.
- Determines the risk a watercraft poses for **transporting invasive species**.
- High-risk watercraft receive a **thorough inspection**, possible quarantine and decontamination.
- **Decontamination includes** spraying down the watercraft's exterior and flushing interior compartments with scalding water.



## Regulations



- **It is illegal** to import, possess or transport high-risk aquatic species, including invasive mussels.
- Mandatory for watercraft being transported to have **boat plugs removed**.
- Individuals transporting watercraft or water-related equipment **must stop at inspection stations**.

## Monitoring



- Involves multiple stakeholder groups, agencies and the public.
- Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring program.
- Veliger (larval) monitoring program.
- eDNA monitoring program.

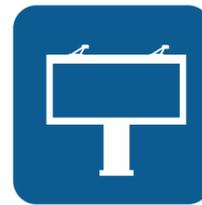
## Education



Promote the Clean, Drain, Dry program



Trade shows, events and group presentations



Highways, parks and boat launch signage



Television public service announcement

## CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT

Before returning home from out of province, visiting Saskatchewan or moving between waters within the province, make sure to:

### CLEAN

all visible plants, animals and mud

### DRAIN

all onboard water and leave plugs out during transport and storage

### DRY

your watercraft and all related gear completely



If you find or suspect a threat of AIS, immediately report any sightings to the nearest Ministry of Environment office or call the TIP Line at 1-800-667-7561.

# Stop aquatic invasive species

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