

Protect our waters

Did you know . . .



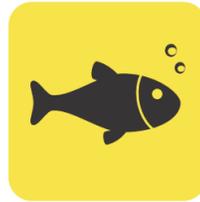
- Conservation officers and select fisheries staff can inspect, quarantine and decontaminate watercraft for invasive species.
- Inspection and prevention measures are coordinated with other agencies and jurisdictions.
- Canada Border Security Agency officers check private and commercial watercraft entering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

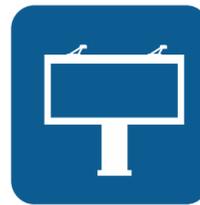
Education



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

1-800-667-7561 | SaskTel Cell #5555
saskatchewan.ca/invasive-species

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