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Aquatic Invasive Species Guidelines for Fishing Contest Participants

AIS such as zebra mussels and curly pondweed are often called “aquatic hitchhikers” because they can hitch a ride on your equipment or boat. AIS can have far-reaching impacts on our water resources including water closures and reduced recreation opportunities. Many AIS permanently change stream and lake ecology negatively affecting fisheries.

Compliance with aquatic invasive species regulations is a requirement to operate a boat on Wyoming waters.

AIS regulations, inspection and decontamination requirements:

- All watercraft transported into Wyoming from March 1 through November 30 must undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized inspector prior to launching. Information on inspection locations is available at: wgfd.wyo.gov/AIS
- Any watercraft that has been in a water infested with zebra/quagga mussels within the last 30 days, is required to undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized inspector prior to launching during ALL months of the year. A list of waters known to be infested is available at wgfd.wyo.gov/AIS. Schedule an inspection if you are unsure.
- All boaters must stop at established check stations. Information on inspection locations an operating hours is available at: wgfd.wyo.gov/AIS
- All watercraft must have a valid Wyoming AIS decal before launching on any waters of the state. Decals are available online, at regional offices and at automated license vendors.

All boats should be Clean, Drained and Dry prior to launching.

Clean: cleaned of all mud, plants and debris.

Drain: drained of all water including ballasts, bilge, live wells, motor, and any internal compartments. Boaters are encouraged to travel with bilge plugs out.

Dry: watercraft should be as dry as possible. Watercraft in Wyoming should dry for at least 5 days in the summer, 18 days in the spring or fall or 3 days at freezing temperatures.

Live baitfish regulations

- Live baitfish cannot be imported into Wyoming.
- Live baitfish must be contained in a bait bucket or small container and must be accompanied by a valid Wyoming live baitfish receipt or trapping and seining license.

For more information: Wyoming Game and Fish Website: wgfd.wyo.gov/AIS or contact your local Game and Fish Regional Office or call 1-877-WGFD-AIS