Help prevent the spread of harmful Aquatic Invasive Species by becoming a Wyoming certified inspector!

## 2019 Watercraft Inspection Training for the Public





CASPER May 21st; 9:00am - 4:00pm Casper WGF Regional Office 3030 Energy Lane, Casper WY 82604

CHEYENNE April 19th; 9:00am - 4:00pm WGFD Headquarters Bldg 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne WY 82006



CODY May 17th; 9:00am - 4:00pm Cody WGF Regional Office, 2820 State Highway 120, Cody WY 82414

EVANSTON March 23rd; 9:00am - 4:00pm Uinta County Public Library 701 Main St., Evanston WY 82930

GERING, NE March 23rd; 9:00am - 4:00pm Platte Valley Bank 1850 10th St., Gering, NE 69341

GILLETTE May 4<sup>th</sup>; 9:00am – 4:00pm Campbell County Public Library 2101 S 4-J Rd, Gillette, WY 82718 GREEN RIVER April 27th; 9:00am - 4:00pm Green River WGF Regional Office 351 Astle Ave., Green River WY 82935

JACKSON June 1st; 9:00am – 4:00pm Jackson WGF Regional Office 420 North Cache, Jackson WY 83001

LARAMIE March 30th; 9:00am – 4:00pm Laramie GF Regional Office, 1212 S. Adams St., Laramie WY 82070

SHERIDAN May 3rd; 9:00am – 4:00pm Sheridan WGF Regional Office 700 Valley View Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) can be aquatic animals such as zebra and quagga mussels or rusty crayfish, or aquatic vegetation such as hydrilla. These AIS can have far-reaching impacts on our water resources. Many of these species permanently change stream and lake ecology, negatively affecting native species and our prized sport fisheries. Zebra and quagga mussels can attach to water infrastructure and equipment causing damage. These species are often called "aquatic hitchhikers" because they can hitch a ride on boats, equipment, or in any water that is not drained.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is offering several watercraft inspection trainings in 2019. These trainings will provide the skills necessary to inspect your own watercraft and certify you to inspect other watercraft as well. The trainings include information on basic biology, impacts, transport vectors and distribution of AIS. It includes classroom instruction, a question and answer session, and a hands-on watercraft inspection exercise.

The trainings are free and open to anyone interested in preventing the spread of AIS through watercraft inspection. These trainings are being offered as a one-day course (9:00a – 4:00p). Registration deadline is one week prior to the class start date. Limited to 20 people per course.

To register: contact Beth Bear, Wyoming Game and Fish Department at (307) 721-1373 or beth.bear@wyo.gov. Please provide your name, mailing address, phone number, and email address Or register online at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/wypublicinspection</u> Visit: <u>wgfd.wyo.gov/AIS</u> for more information about AIS.

