# 2020 Hubbard County Watercraft Inspection Program

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### Overview

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### **AIS Infested Waters Updates**

#### • 2019

- Fourth Crow Wing Faucet Snail
- Duck Faucet Snail
- Upper Bottle Faucet Snail



### Where we are at: 2020

- COVID-19 related training delays at the start of season
- Completed DNR Level 1 Online Training week of Fishing Opener
  - 48 Level 1 Inspectors
- Inspector Mentor Day May 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Decontamination Station**

- Hubbard County FREE Decontamination Station Temporarily Closed
  - Located between Detail Shop and Transfer Station
  - Will be on Call 7 days a week: **218-252-6738**
- Level 2 Online Training is still underway
  - 4 Returning Level 2 Inspectors
  - DNR not allowing new inspectors to be trained in 2020



## Funding: Things to Note

#### Lake Association Supplemental Funding

• 2020: \$104,428 from Lake Associations

#### Township/City Supplemental Funding

• 2020: \$42,006 from townships/cities

#### Supplemental Funding Total

- \$146,434
- 6973 hours

### COVID-19 Related Budget Updates

- Each department is cutting expenses by 20% due to financial uncertainty related to COVID-19 pandemic.
- In the AIS Budget the bulk of our funds are designated for inspections.
- Reduction in State funded hours that are provided by the County.
- Reduction in Lead Inspector coverage and resort outreach
- Lake association and township funded inspection hours will remain unchanged.

# Schedule



- 36 Boat Launches on 34 Lakes in Hubbard County.
- 13,006 scheduled inspection hours.
- Shifts removed at lower traffic dates, earlier in the season when AIS risk is lower.
- Updated schedule, State funded hours are now posted on Hubbard County AIS Webpage.

# Questions?

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