

2021 Hubbard County AIS Program



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Community Outreach Highlights

- 45 – Level 1 Inspectors, 4 – Level 2 Inspectors
 - Engaged watercraft users at 35 water access sites on 33 lakes/rivers
- AIS prevention advertisements on KDKK, KXKK, KPRM
 - Decontamination, 21 day dry time, other AIS BMPs
- Movie theatre ad at the Park Theatre (COLA partnership)
 - Runs until 1/28/2022
- AIS billboard – US 71 south of Park Rapids (COLA partnership)
- Distributed 18,000 bait bags with AIS messaging to local bait shops

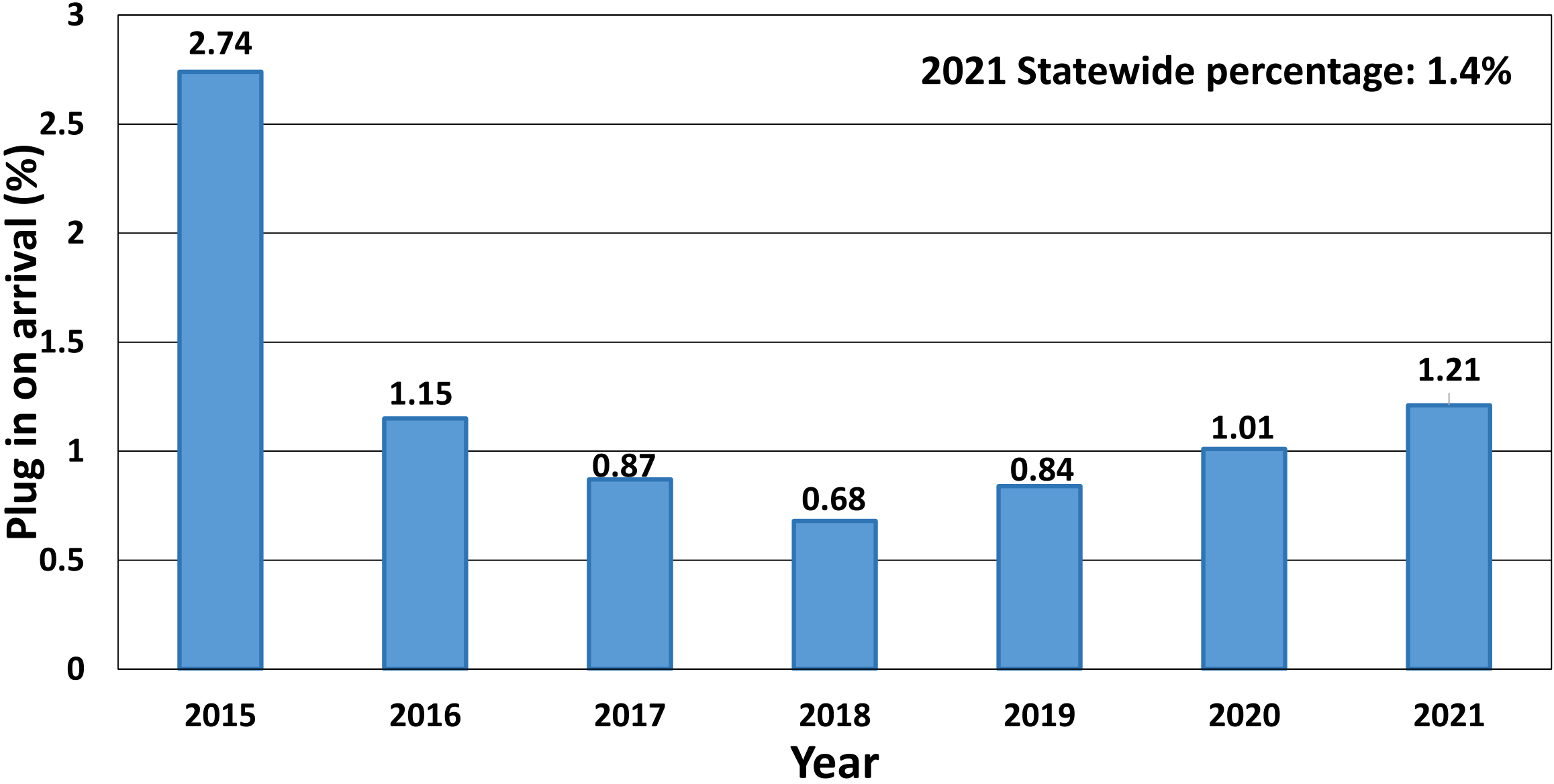


Inspection Summary 2021

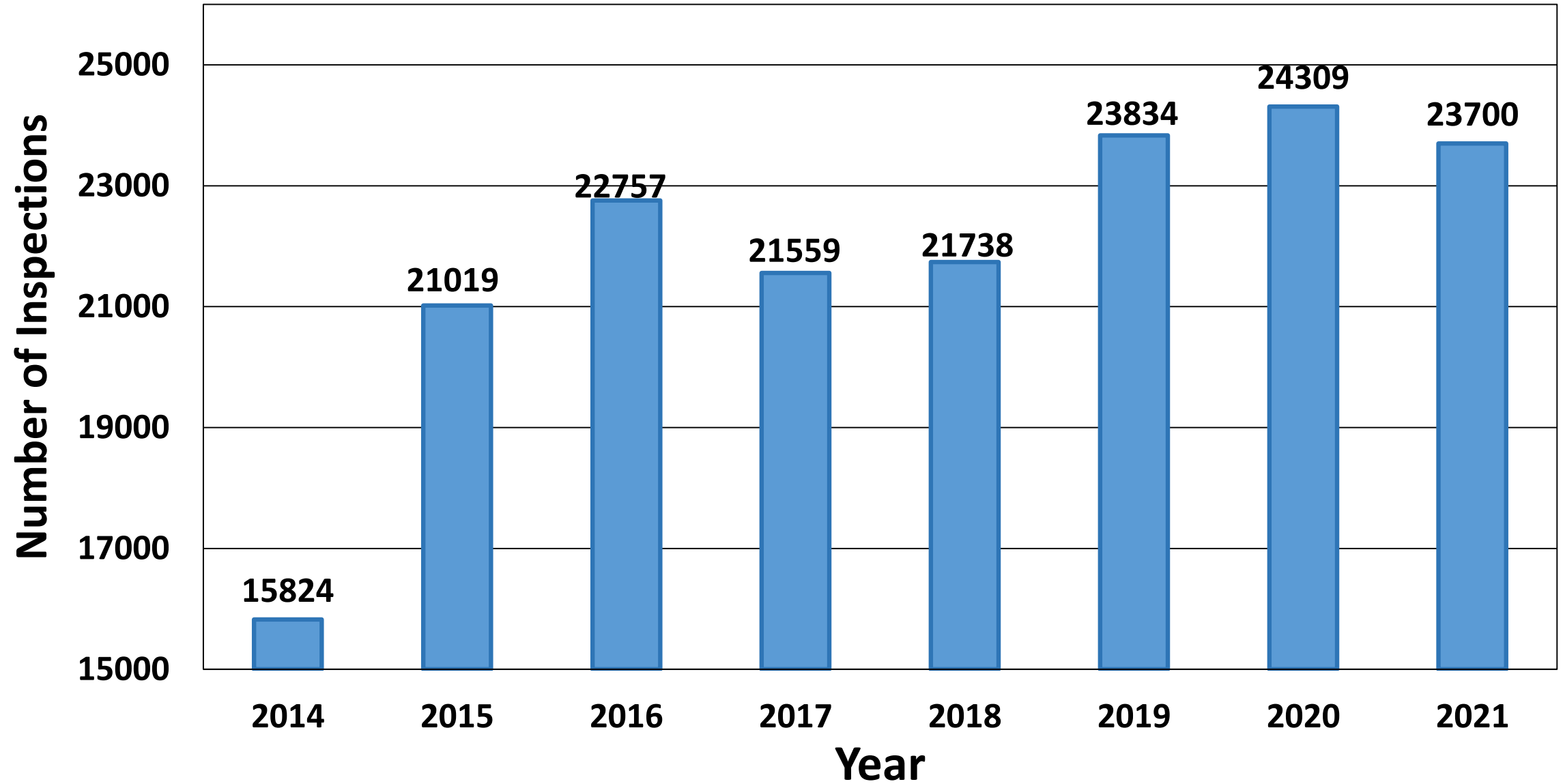
- Schedule just ended
- 15,204 hours worked
- Roughly 23,700 inspections
 - Currently completing survey data analysis
- 98.8% compliant with drain plug law
- 96.9% compliant with all other AIS laws
- 1.56 inspections per hour county wide average



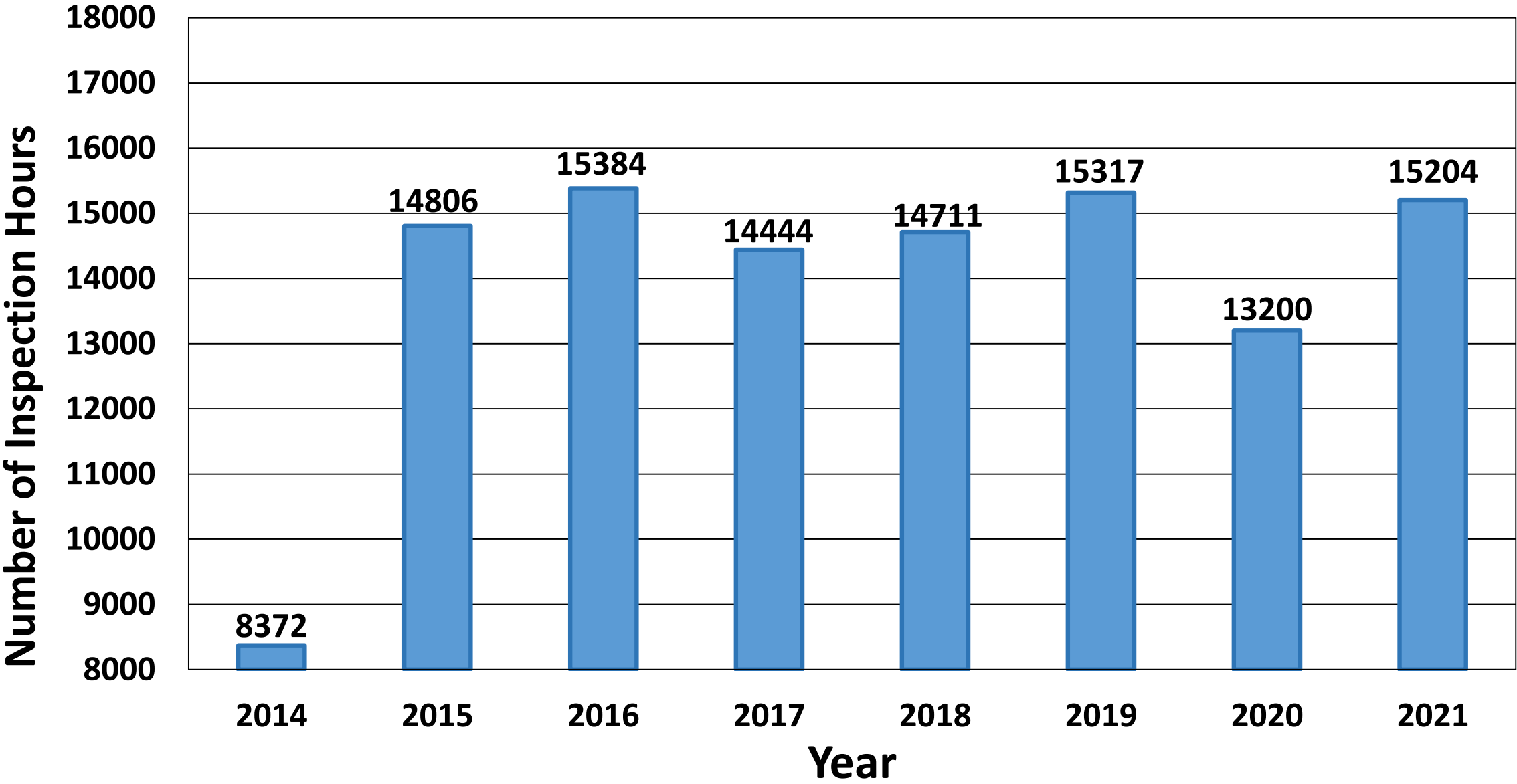
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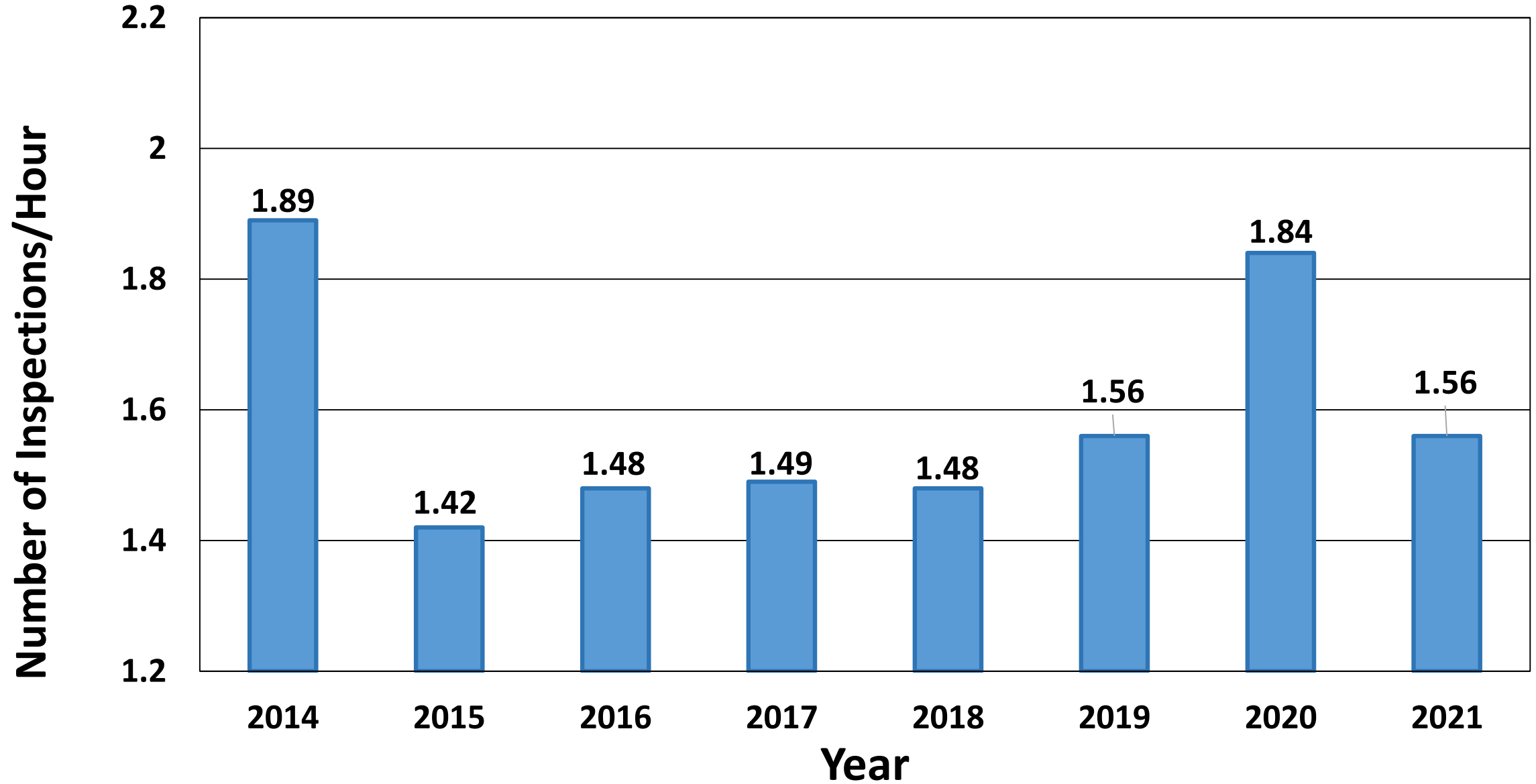
Hubbard County AIS Inspections



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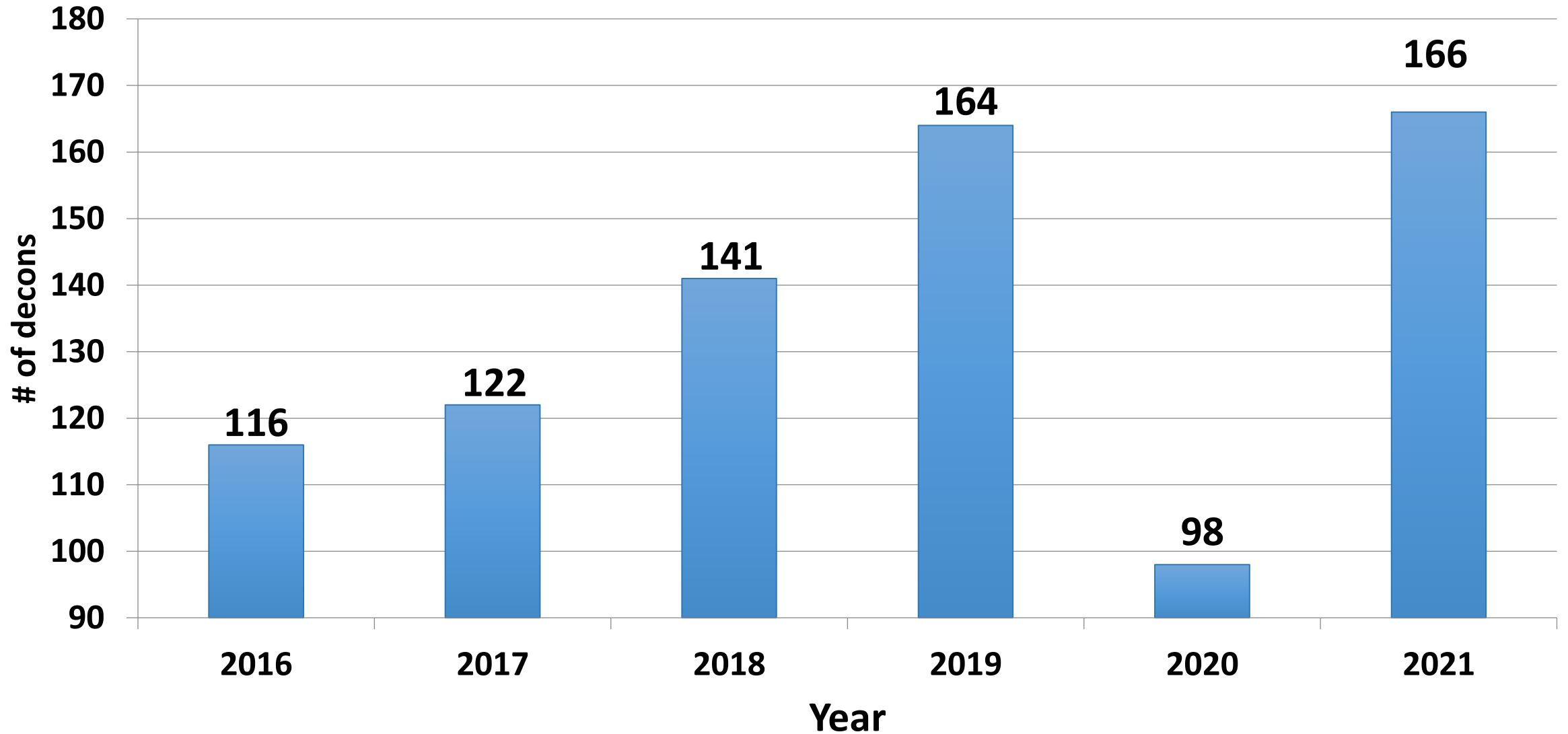
Hubbard County AIS Inspections per Hour



Decontamination Summary

- Located near the entrance of Hubbard County Transfer Station
- 2021 staffed Fishing Opener through September
 - On-call 7 days a week: 10 AM - 6 PM
- 4 primary decon inspectors
- Closed intermittently in early July for repairs
- 166 decons – closed for season 9/26/19

Hubbard County Decon Data



2021 AIS Infested Waters Updates

- **Hubbard County: No new confirmations in 2021**
 - Zebra Mussel violation on Belle Taine
- **Neighboring County items to note:**
 - Leech Lake (Cass County) – Starry Stonewort



Funding: Items to Note

- **2022 AIS Prevention Aid**
 - \$263,133
- **Lake Association/Township Supplemental Funding**
 - Still waiting confirmation from staffing agency
 - If staffing rates remain the same - \$21/hr for 2022
- **2022 Payment Deadline: January 31st, 2022**
 - Roughly 8,500 State funded hours (similar to 2019)
 - Supplemental funding letters will go out in the next couple of weeks

Questions?

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