

# 2022 Hubbard County Watercraft Inspection Program

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# Overview

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# What's New

- New Staff
  - Aaron Anderson – Environmental Specialist
  - Email: [aaron.anderson@co.hubbard.mn.us](mailto:aaron.anderson@co.hubbard.mn.us)
  - Joins Department with past experience as a Level 1 and Level 2 watercraft inspector

# AIS Infested Waters Updates

- **2021**
  - **No new listed infestations**
    - One lake to be monitored after watercraft inspected leaving lake with AIS attached



# Where We Are At

- DNR Level 1 In-person Training was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Park Rapids
  - Currently 41 Level 1 Inspectors hired
- Level 2 Inspectors
  - 4 returning Level 2 Inspectors

# Looking Ahead

- Inspector Mentor Day for new inspectors – Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- 31 accesses on 29 waterbodies scheduled to have an inspector on Fishing Opener
- 34 accesses on 32 waterbodies scheduled to have an inspector over Memorial Day Weekend

# Schedule

- 34 Boat Launches on 32 Lakes in Hubbard County
- 15,878 scheduled inspection hours
- Shifts scheduled heavily on weekends and Holidays
- Busiest accesses scheduled during weekdays too
- Schedule posted on Hubbard County AIS Webpage

# Funding

- **Lake Association Supplemental Funding**
  - 2022: \$107,782 from Lake Associations
- **Township/City Supplemental Funding**
  - 2022: \$48,786 from townships/cities
- **Supplemental Funding Totals**
  - \$156,568
  - 7,176 hours



# Decontamination Station

- Hubbard County FREE Decontamination Station – Open for fishing opener
  - Located between Detail Shop and Transfer Station – follow signage
  - By appointment 7 days a week: **218-252-6738**
    - 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



# Community Outreach

- Radio PSA/Ads on KDKK, KXKK, KPRM
  - HC COLA Partnership
    - Billboard on US 71



# Questions?

