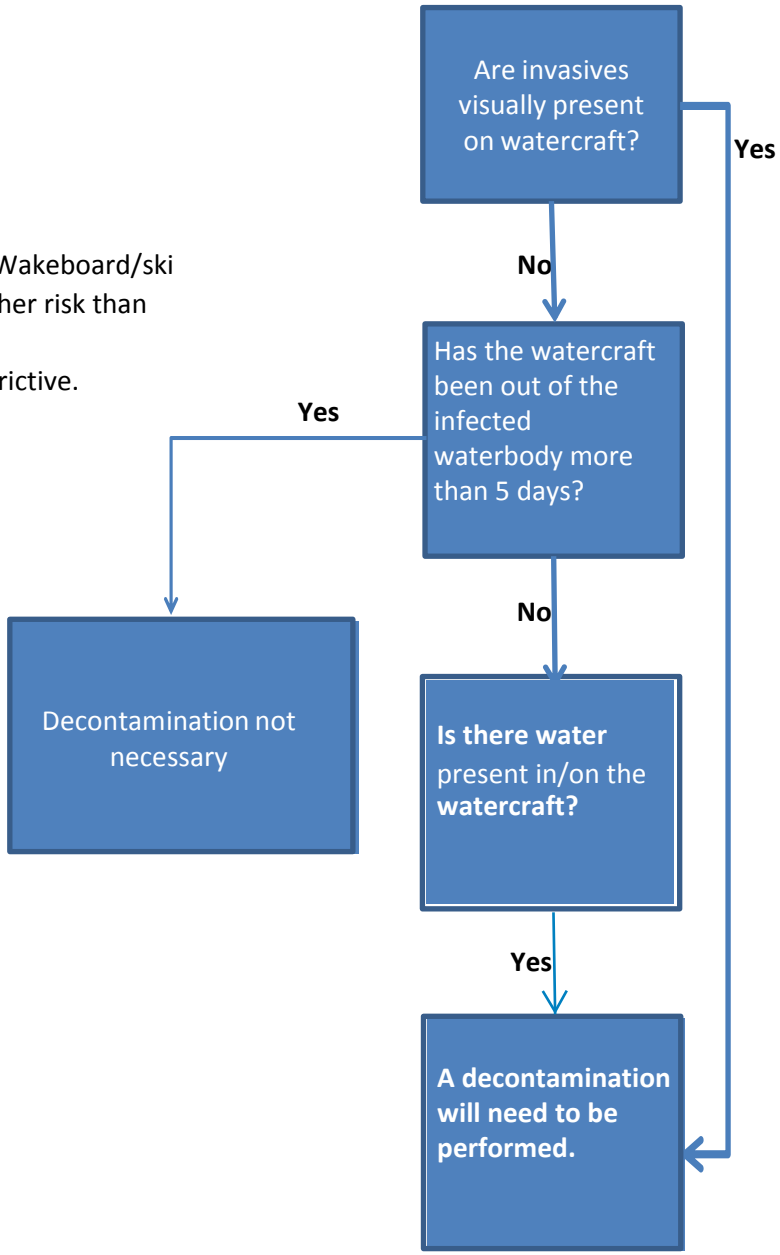
How to know if a watercraft needs decontamination

The following flow chart follows MN DNR recommended guidelines for watercraft decontamination

Qualifying questions to ask arriving boaters

1. **Are the drain plugs removed?**
2. **Has water been drained and wiped out?**
   Motor lowered and drained?
3. **What was the last lake the boat was on?**
   Good practice to treat all boats the same.

Inboards, Inboard/outboard, Jet Skis, and Wakeboard/ski boats with ballast tanks are potentially higher risk than outboard motors.
Owners of private access can be more restrictive.



Different types of decontamination:

Time: If a watercraft is out of an invested waterbody more than 5 days with no evidence of AIS and is clean and dry it can be considered decontaminated.

On site decon: If a watercraft has plants (either native or invasive) that can easily be removed could be considered decontaminated.

Boater performing a decontamination:
If a watercraft does need an offsite decontamination, the watercraft user can accomplish this by going to a carwash or any site that offers the above mentioned proceedures.

If a decontamination is needed call: (218) 252-6738 or (218) 732-3890

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