Invasive Species Laws

It is UNLAWFUL to:

- **Move** water equipment (docks, lifts, pumps, etc.) and place in another body of water unless dried for 21 days.
- **Transport** aquatic plants, ruffe, round goby, zebra mussel or any other prohibited invasive species on any road.
- **Leave** any body of water before removing drain plugs and draining all water related equipment. (including live wells and bait containers) Note: To keep unused live bait, drain container and replace with tap or bottled water.
- **Launch** a watercraft with aquatic plants, zebra mussels or any prohibited invasive species attached.
- **Harvest** bait (minnows, frogs, crayfish or other wild animals) from most designated infested waters without a permit.

Guide to Aquatic Invasive Species & Laws, Licensed Lake Service Providers List: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais

MN DNR Invasive Species Specialist – Park Rapids: 218-732-8960

Hubbard County COLA: www.hubbardcolamn.org
www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/ais/

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

- **CLEAN** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited species off your watercraft, trailer and other water related equipment before leaving the water access or shoreland property.
- **DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreland property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting.
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, worms and fish parts in the trash.

Recommendations BEFORE Going To Another Waterbody include one or more of the following:

- Spray with high-pressure water
- Rinse with very hot water*
- Dry for at least 5 days

*These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120F for at least 2 min or 140F for at least 10 sec.

The Hubbard County Environmental Services’ Free Watercraft Decontamination Station On-Call Available 7 Days a Week, Opening of Fishing Thru Mid-Sept: 218-252-6738, 812 Henrietta Ave, Park Rapids. This location & other MN decontamination stations are listed on MN DNR’s website: https://webapps15.dnr.state.mn.us/ais_decon_sites

Check These Places on Your Boat & Trailer For Aquatic Plants or Animals. Lower Motor to Drain Water on Land. Raise drained motor to safe height during transport.