Hubbard County AIS Program Update

AIS Program Coordinator
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## 2016 Program Summary

From 5/13/2016 through 10/16/2016

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<td>Entering</td>
<td>12,783</td>
<td>55.77%</td>
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<td>Exiting</td>
<td>10,136</td>
<td>44.23%</td>
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<td>Drain Plug In On Arrival</td>
<td>147</td>
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<td>Plants/Mud/Water On Arrival</td>
<td>268</td>
<td>2.10%</td>
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<td>Entering From Infested Water</td>
<td>1,393</td>
<td>10.90%</td>
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<td>Exiting Last Waterbody Infested</td>
<td>865</td>
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<td>Entering From Out-Of-State</td>
<td>1,886</td>
<td>14.75%</td>
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<td># Of Decontaminations</td>
<td>116</td>
<td>0.91%</td>
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<td># Of Decons From Infested Water</td>
<td>62</td>
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### Number Of Inspections

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<th>Hours</th>
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<td>22,919</td>
<td>15,384</td>
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Summary of Results

• The percentage of boats entering with drain plugs in was 1.5% lower this year.
• The percentage of boats with plants, water, or mud was 0.75% lower this year.
• Entering from infested is slightly higher this year.
• Entering from out of state is nearly identical to last year.
• Decontaminations are only slightly lower this year. 2015 we had 130 decons, 2016 we had 116.
• The percentage of decons from infested waters is up 15.76%.
2017 Program Planning

• Continually trying to improve upon our current program

• Main areas of improvement
  • More educational materials and public outreach
  • Higher quality of inspections
  • Better relations with recreationists

• Strongly encourage input from stakeholders
2017 Program Budget

- 2017 Budget for State Allocated Hours is $150,984
- This translates to 8,170 hours
- Due to this reduction in hours, need more time to allocate funding
- Timeline is dependent on state inspection data

- There were several key factors that lead to this reduction in state funded inspection hours:
  - Creation of AIS Coordinator Position
  - Money set aside for Rapid Response in case of an infestation
  - The need to increase inspector wages in order to become more competitive and to promote a higher quality of inspection
  - Additional training of employees in order to promote a more positive and effective public interaction
2017 Program Budget Continued

• 8,170 hours is a safe baseline that is guaranteed
• Funding timeline is broken into two payments throughout the year
• If there is excess money at the end of this season we may use it for extra inspections
• It is important to note that the county is supportive of our program and the county levee is still in place
• 2016 was a year of transition logistically
• 2017 will be a year of transition financially
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