

ALERT: Aquatic Invasive Species In This Waterway

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) may be microscopic and can be plants or animals. AIS have the potential to cause significant economic and ecologic harm to our waterways by competing with native and game species for space and food. Anglers, boaters, swimmers and others who contact this water can unknowingly spread AIS.

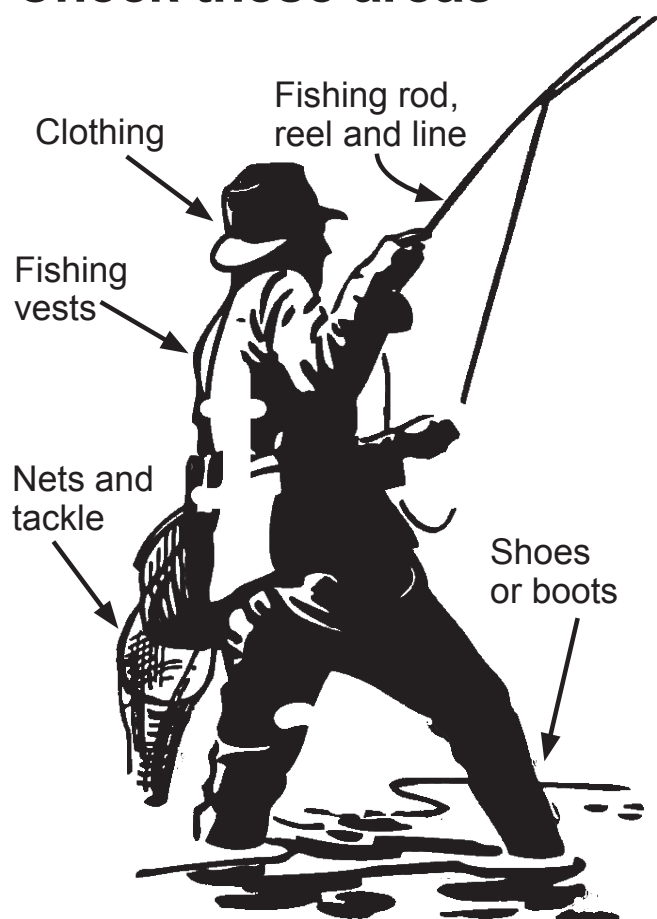
Help stop the spread of AIS.

- Do not move or release animals or plants to other waterways.
- Dispose of unwanted fishing bait in the trash.

Clean Your Gear!

Before leaving this waterway, check for and remove any aquatic life (plants and animals), mud and other organic debris.

Check these areas



Use the following AIS disinfection methods before using your gear or equipment at a new waterway:

Small Gear

- For a minimum of 20 minutes, soak gear in hot water (120°-140° F) (may damage Gor-tex®) containing 1 cup of regular dish detergent per gallon of water OR freeze gear for at least 8 hours.
- After cleaning or freezing, allow gear to dry for a minimum of 48 hours before next use.
- Consider using your gear in only one waterway, thus eliminating the need to disinfect.

Boats and Heavy Equipment

- **Before leaving this waterway**, drain water from boat, motor, bilges, bladder tanks, live bait wells, any other wet compartments and portable bait containers.
- Use a steam spray unit to thoroughly clean all parts of the boat or heavy equipment (including all wet compartments such as the bilge, bait compartments and storage bunkers). If steam cleaning is not available, use a high pressure hot water sprayer. If these cleaning options are not available, put your boat through a hot water car wash.
- Thoroughly spray all parts of a boat trailer and towing vehicle that contact the water.
- Thoroughly flush the cooling system of all boat motors.
- After cleaning, allow equipment to dry for at least 48 hours.



www.fishandboat.com/AIS.htm

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www.paseagrant.org/fact_sheet_group/invasive-species/ and scroll down to Fact Sheets.

