

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

IT'S THE LAW



Before launching and before leaving

YOU MUST:

- ✓ **INSPECT** boats, trailers and equipment
- ✓ **REMOVE** all attached aquatic plants & animals
- ✓ **DRAIN** all water from boats vehicles and equipment
- ✓ **NEVER MOVE** plants or live fish away from a waterbody

PENALTIES MAY EXCEED \$2,000

(Note: This law is aggressively being enforced.
Any and All law enforcement can and will enforce this law.)

THANK YOU

THE MUSKY CLUBS ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN &
THE EAGLE RIVER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM:

Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin
&
Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce



Thank you for registering to participate in the National Championship Musky Open in the Eagle River area of Vilas County. Your help is needed in keeping this tournament a positive experience for years to come.

The threat of aquatic invasive species entering the lakes of northern Wisconsin is very real. Non-native plants and animals have the ability to seriously alter the natural balance of lakes and can upset the food chain that is critical to supporting predator fish such as Muskies.

The primary source of the spread is boaters who unknowingly transport invisible early stage life forms of species such as Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Fleas, Eurasian Water-milfoil and others from lakes that are already infested. These hitchhikers are often too small to be seen by the human eye and can survive for long periods in damp areas such as in live wells and shaded bilge areas, even in anchor ropes and on fishing gear.

We ask, in the interest of stopping the spread of unwanted invasive species and in projecting a positive public image of fishing tournaments, that all boaters please clean their equipment before they come to the tournament and while at the tournament you follow the **NEW INVASIVE SPECIES LAW: INSPECT, REMOVE, DRAIN WATER and NEVER MOVE PLANTS OR LIVE FISH** from the the boat landing.

Watercraft inspection programs are being implemented at public boat landings throughout Vilas County. Please cooperate fully if approached by a boat inspection team during your visit.

This new level of lake stewardship responsibility is critical to the preservation of northern Wisconsin lakes and the many recreational activities they support, including tournament fishing.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation!