

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are organisms that aren't native to Washington and pose a significant threat to our environment, economy, and well-being.

Stop the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) by remembering to **Clean, Drain, and Dry** your gear, equipment, and motorized and non-motorized watercraft every time you leave the water.



PROTECT OUR WATERS

PREVENT AIS BY FOLLOWING THE LAW

Avoid accidentally transporting AIS by remembering to:

- Clean, Drain, and Dry your gear, equipment, and watercraft every time you leave the water.
- Stop at all mandatory watercraft inspection stations — it's the law!

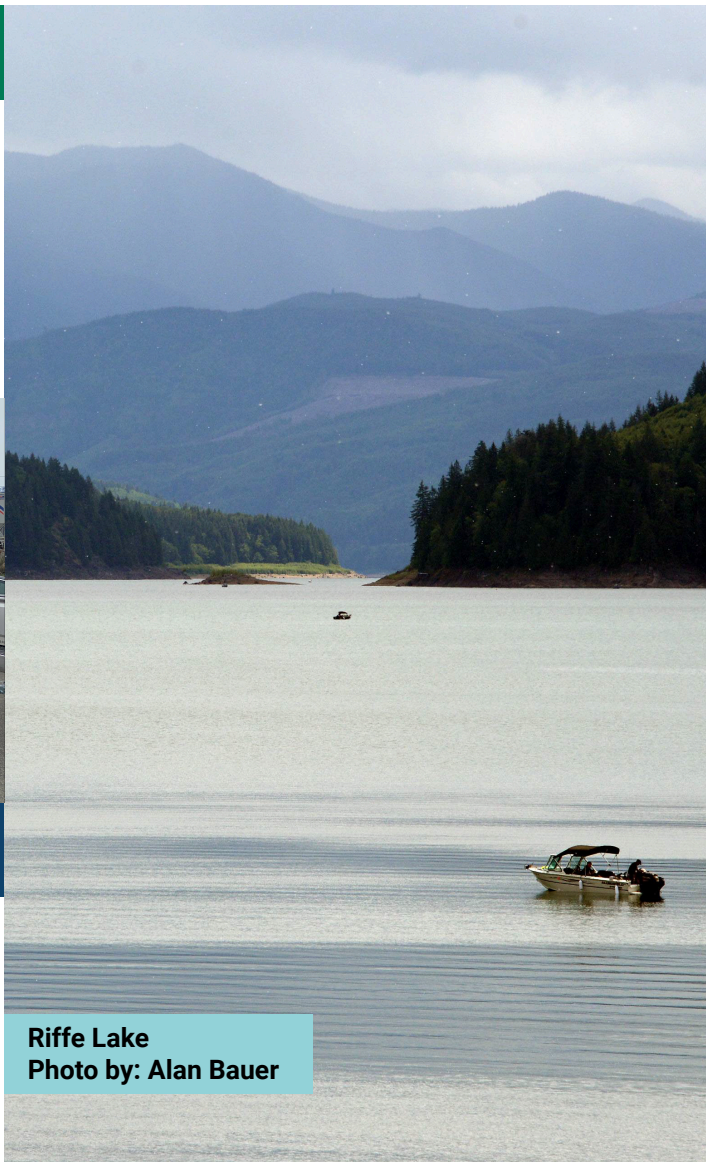
Transporting AIS from one water body to another is against the law, but stopping at mandatory watercraft inspection stations protects our waters from AIS and you from fines up to \$5,000 and up to a year in jail (RCW 77.135.040).

OUT OF STATE AIS PERMIT

Watercraft and seaplanes registered outside of Washington and commercial transporters of vessels must purchase an AIS prevention permit available online or at Department authorized license dealers.



Scan the QR Code
to learn more.



Riffe Lake
Photo by: Alan Bauer



Help prevent the
spread of aquatic
invasive species.

wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/prevention

Request this information in an alternative format or language at wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/requests-accommodation, 833-885-1012, TTY (711), or CivilRightsTeam@dfw.wa.gov.



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CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY

Before you leave the water access area:

CLEAN

- All equipment used on or in the water.
- Remove all visible mud, plants, and organisms. A stiff-bristled brush may help.
- Rinse all surfaces with potable water.



DRAIN

- Accumulated water on watercraft including motor, bilge, live-well, and all other water containing devices.
- Buckets or other gear where water has accumulated.
- Remove drain plugs.



DRY

- Fully dry gear, equipment, and watercraft before moving to a new waterbody.
- Open compartments on watercraft and equipment and towel dry.



Remember, if its been on or in the water, it could be contaminated with AIS.

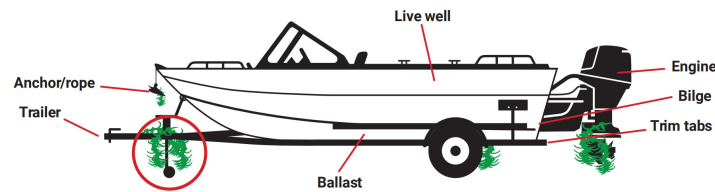
FIND SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS?

If you suspect your gear or watercraft may be contaminated with AIS, or was used in waters suspected or known to be contaminated, decontamination may be necessary.



Scan the QR code, call the AIS hotline at 1-888-WDFW-AIS, or email ais@wdfw.wa.gov.

CLEANING CHECKLIST



WATERCRAFT

Make sure to Clean, Drain, and Dry all applicable areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hull | <input type="checkbox"/> Trim tabs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engines | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-wells |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stern | <input type="checkbox"/> Anchors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transom | <input type="checkbox"/> Lines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballast Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Thru-hull fittings |

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GEAR

Make sure to Clean, Drain, and Dry all applicable gear:

- ☐ Waders
- ☐ Paddles
- ☐ Life vests
- ☐ Buckets
- ☐ Nets
- ☐ Trailers
- ☐ Boots and shoes
- ☐ Any gear that holds moisture



Scan the QR code for more information.

WATERCRAFT INSPECTION STATIONS



WDFW provides **FREE** mandatory watercraft inspections for motorized and non-motorized watercraft.

Don't skip the station! Stopping is mandatory and helps protect our waters from AIS. (RCW 77.135.120)

WHAT TO EXPECT

Inspectors look for AIS hitching a ride on your watercraft and gather important information to protect Washington's waters. If needed, staff will provide a free decontamination after the inspection. An invasive mussel detection dog may assist with the inspection.



Invasive mussel detection dog, Fin, checks for hitchhiking quagga and zebra mussels.

SPEED UP YOUR INSPECTION

Clean, Drain, and Dry your boat before leaving the water access area to speed up your inspection and get back on the road quicker!