STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AND FISH DISEASES!

Non-native plants, animals and diseases can clog waterways, threaten native species, cause serious economic and environmental damage, and harm human health.

AFTER TRAVELING ON ANY WATERWAY:

CLEAN

ALWAYS

Remove mud, plants and animals from your boat and gear. Dispose of them in a trash container or on land away from waterbodies.

IF POSSIBLE

Rinse your boat inside and out, including rudder, paddles and other gear. Use hot water when available.

DRAIN

ALWAYS

Drain water from hatches, boat wells, bags and bailers while still at the waterbody you are leaving to avoid transporting plant fragments and animals.

DRY

ALWAYS

Dry your boat and gear. Aquatic invasive plants and animals need moisture to survive. If you use a towel, stow it and clean it later.

IF POSSIBLE

Alternate between pairs of shoes when paddling on different waterways. Tread, straps and laces can harbor invasive organisms not visible to the naked eye. When you're done, thoroughly clean and dry footwear.

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