

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Washington & Waukesha Counties



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Hiring is Underway for our AIS Coordinator and Summertime Interns

Samantha Lammers has been hired as the new Washington County and Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator. She is tentatively scheduled to start on May 11, 2020. Samantha comes to us from Glacierland Resource Conservation and Development where she has spent the last year as the AIS Coordinator for Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties.



Welcome Aboard Sam!

Samantha worked for the Wisconsin DNR where she was as a Natural Resource Specialist and a Deputy Conservation Warden for the past 5 years. She has extensive training in aquatic invasive species programming and led the Water Guard team that oversaw education and enforcement of invasive species throughout the State. She trained and supported 12 Water Guards (Wardens) across the State and DNR Wardens on invasive species identification, education, and enforcement tactics.

Samantha has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Policy and Planning from the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay as well as an Associate's Degree in Applied Science - Criminal Justice from Lakeshore Technical College, completing a 520-hour Police Academy as part of her degree.

Outside of work, Sam enjoys spending time with her family, spending as much time outdoors as possible and teaching yoga at her own yoga studio. Samantha is grateful for this opportunity and is excited to get to work for Washington and Waukesha Counties.

Samantha's Washington County office phone number will be (262) 335-4806 and her work cell phone number will be (262) 483-9687. Stay tuned for additional details regarding contact information & program implementation.

We wish our previous Coordinator, Cassie Taplin, the best of luck in her new endeavor in Eau Claire, WI working for Nestlé Nutrition.

Update on AIS Interns

Waukesha County is in the process of hiring summertime interns. Five lake groups have entered into Intergovernmental Agreements ("IGAs") to have Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspectors at their boat launches. Two additional full-time interns will assist with plant & organism surveys as well as watercraft inspections on water bodies across the County.

Washington County is intending to hire 3 interns, one full-time with Washington County and the other two through IGAs with Pike Lake and Bark Lake to support Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspections at the launches of their specific lake.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Wisconsin's Safer At Home Order, the start date of Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspections is currently postponed until June 1, 2020. Updates will be sent out if that date is set to change.

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