

Aquatic Invasive Species Update

Washington & Waukesha Counties



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Ice Fisherie Outreach

The AIS Coordinator has been reaching out to organizations hosting ice fishing tournaments this winter to continue spreading awareness about AIS. Invertebrates and plant material can still be moved around in muck that cakes onto equipment, and it is important for anglers to continue following bait laws and to not move water from one lake to another. On December 11th, the AIS Coordinator spoke to the Nabob Prairie Riders, a snowmobile club in Washington County, at their meeting at the Mueller Linden Inn on Big Cedar Lake. They will be hosting an ice fishing tournament on Big Cedar in January 2020. With Little Cedar Lake (which contains the invasive macroalgae starry stonewort) only a few miles away, the AIS Coordinator wanted to ensure that they were familiar with the species and encouraged them to knock any sediment and materials off of their equipment and make sure their gear is clean before moving to another lake. To see a list of ice fishing tournaments planned throughout the State, visit here: [American Fishing Contests](#)

If you are a part of an ice fishing tournament, or know of any organizations hosting tournaments, and would like the AIS Coordinator to come and speak with them, contact her at cassie.taplin@co.washington.wi.us

Thank You

On December 10th, both Washington and Waukesha Counties submitted their applications for a DNR Aquatic Invasive Species Education, Planning, and Prevention grant to continue the AIS Program. We appreciate all of the support we get from the community, and we would like to give a special thank you to the following lake groups who wrote letters of support and/or contributed generous donations to the program!

Washington County:

- Big Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
- Druid Lake Inland Protection and Rehabilitation District
- Green Lake Property Owner's Association
- Little Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
- Pike Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
- Washington County Sheriff's Department

Waukesha County:

- Ashippun Lake District
- Fox River Commission
- Golden Lake Association
- Lac Labelle Management District
- Lower Nemahbin Lake Association
- Silver Lake Management District

Happy Holidays

We all at Washington and Waukesha Counties hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday season!



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Lake of the Month - Grass Lake

Grass Lake is located within Waukesha County's 444-acre Nashotah Park. Grass Lake has a surface area of 30-acres, a max depth of 8 feet, and contains panfish, Northern pike, and large mouth bass. Waukesha County AIS staff conducted an early detection survey on Grass Lake this past summer, and no new AIS were detected. To learn more about this gorgeous park with extensive trails and beautiful scenery, click [here](#).

AIS Present: Eurasian watermilfoil



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The Aquatic Invasive Species Program is a cooperative effort between Washington & Waukesha Counties, supported by grant funds from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and a number of generous local lake groups working to control the spread of AIS. Thank you for your support!

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