

Treatment for Prevention of the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species

CHECKLIST...

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

If you are a water recreationist — boater, angler, water-skier, scuba-diver, sailor or canoeist - there are some important things you can do to prevent the transport of harmful exotic species from one lake or river to another. In some states and provinces it is illegal to transport harmful exotic species.

- ✓ **Inspect** your boat, trailer, and boating equipment (anchors, centerboards, rollers, axles) and remove any plants and animals that are visible *before* leaving any water body.
- ✓ **Drain** water from the motor, live well, bilge, and transom wells while on land *before* leaving any water body.
- ✓ **Bury** your bait bucket contents on land *before* leaving the water body. Never release live bait into a water body, or release aquatic animals from one water body into another.
- ✓ **Wash/dry** your boat, tackle, downriggers, trailer, and other boating equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. This can be done on your way home or once you have returned home. Some aquatic nuisance species can survive more than 2 weeks out of water, so it is important to:
 - rinse your boat and equipment that normally get wet with *hot* (at least 40° C or 104° F) tap water; or
 - spray your boat and trailer with high-pressure water; or
 - dry your boat and equipment for at least 5 days, before transporting to another water body.
- ✓ **Learn** what these organisms look like (at least those you can see). If you suspect a new infestation of an exotic plant or animal, report to the department.