

Great Lakes Regional Landing Blitz: AIS Prevention Step Prompts to Assist Inspector

If boaters are not familiar with the prevention steps or have questions, help them understand the reasons for taking these actions. You can use the prompts below to assist you in your explanation and discussions at the boat landing. **Remember the goal is to make this as relevant as possible to the boater by localizing the issue through the conversation.**

Step 1 – CLEAN

- **Inspect** and **Remove** visible plants, animals, and mud
- **Scrub** hull
- **Rinse** with high pressure hot water
- **Flush** water in motor

Why this is important:

Plants and animals can easily attach to boat/equipment or become entangled in boat motors and fishing lines and then be moved to another lake. This is a concern in this area because-**(ADD LOCAL CONCERNS HERE)**

Step 2 – DRAIN water from watercraft, motor, bilge, bladder tanks, live well, and portable bait containers

Step 3 – DRY everything 5 days or more
OR
WIPE everything with a towel before reuse

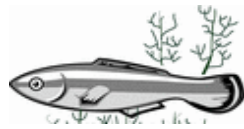
Why this is important:

Many organisms such as spiny water flea, juvenile zebra mussels, or plant fragments (use organisms that are of concern in your area) are microscopic and invisible to the naked eye and easily transported in water from one waterbody to the next. We know that many of the boaters that frequent our lake also spend time at- **(ADD LOCAL CONCERNS HERE)**

Live or Unwanted Bait:



Earthworms



minnows



leeches



TRASH



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**