

Horseshoe Lake Newsletter  
June 13, 2021

Good morning--

The sun is shining, the birds are singing, the wind isn't blowing, the deer are grazing, the loons are calling --- but below the calm water surface of Horseshoe, some undesirable plants have invaded and they disrupt the very stability the underwater ecosystem seeks to maintain.

I am Laurie Johnson, living full time on the west side of Horseshoe. I work with the Minong Town Lakes committee, which is again carrying out a boat landing monitoring program through a Clean Boats, Clean Waters DNR grant. Horseshoe is covered approximately every other weekend. The program is managed by an independent contractor who was a former monitor on Minong Flowage.

I am forwarding information (way down below) I've received from Lisa Burns, a great land and water conservation resource with Washburn County. It contains a dedicated web site link for updated information about AIS. With the new patch discovered by Kurt, it is very timely to check out to get current info.

There are also some videos about what goes on at a monitored landing with a decontamination station. These have expanded to more landings since zebra mussels were

found in nearby lakes. The stations are set up and maintained by the individual lakes' property owners. The Minong monitors in the program have received information about the various invasive species, and usually have experience with many types of boaters at the landings. The 3 videos show different scenarios. The majority of the time, things go very smoothly, however. Most people are very compliant and informed now, and that is a much-improved situation over a few years ago.

There will be a lot to talk about at the Horseshoe annual meeting. I know everyone is interested in taking the best possible care of the lake to keep it healthy in the future. I see many property owners have indicated they will contribute beyond the typical dues amount to help the budget, and that is encouraging. Not all lakes have an Ed Wink and we are soooooo lucky. He does an absolutely fantastic job of coordinating all of the resources, applications, and communications necessary to evaluate and execute what needs to be done to help Horseshoe Lake water quality.

So-- when the heat drives you inside, or any other time, please take a look at the links in Lisa's email either as a refresher, or to learn new important information.

And, as always, enjoy Horseshoe.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Burns, Lisa** <[Lburns@co.washburn.wi.us](mailto:Lburns@co.washburn.wi.us)>

Date: Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM

Subject: New County AIS website

To:

Good Morning Everyone.

I wanted to share with you the newly updated Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) website that has been created on the Land and Water Conservation

Department. [https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3b7b5413c50d48a39d62e48df103d](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3b7b5413c50d48a39d62e48df1df103d)

It discusses the main species of concern in Washburn County, mapped areas, controlled areas of some species and decontamination. More information will be added over time.

Also, some of you may have already received the decontamination video scenarios (sorry for duplication). Here they are:

1. Washburn and Burnett County Decontamination Ordinance [https://youtu.be/EaqhXEs\\_zew](https://youtu.be/EaqhXEs_zew)
2. Decontamination Scenario: Compliant Boater [https://youtu.be/q\\_K\\_byy5Bq4](https://youtu.be/q_K_byy5Bq4)
3. Decontamination Scenario: Hesitant Boater but does decontaminate <https://youtu.be/JleDUHBlzYU>
4. Decontamination Scenario: Non-Compliant Boater <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFCOvRz8JjU>

If you have any suggestions on something to add to the website, please let me know. Pass along as you see fit.

Hope you are staying cool with all this crazy warm weather!

Thanks for all you do for lake protection! ☺

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Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Washburn and Burnett County Decontamination Ordinance



Preview YouTube video Decontamination Scenario: Compliant Boater



Preview YouTube video Decontamination Scenario: Hesitant Boater but does decontaminate



Preview YouTube video Decontamination Scenario: Non-Compliant Boater

