



BOAT & ANGLERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS & VHS

CLEAN BOATS = CLEAN WATERS

A Message from your Wisconsin Conservation Wardens...



Our waterways, and the native fish and wildlife that inhabit them, are critically important to our culture, quality of life and economy here in Wisconsin.

Aquatic invasive species and VHS pose a significant threat to these natural resources that are important to all of us.

Combating the spread of invasive species and VHS is in everyone's interest and is everyone's responsibility. **IT'S ALSO THE LAW.** State law makes it illegal to launch a boat or place a boat trailer in a navigable water with any aquatic plant attached, or to transport live fish or water away from state waters or into Wisconsin.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Lead by example, follow the law and report observed violations. Let's work together to stop the spread of invasive species and VHS.

- ✓ **INSPECT** boats, trailers & equipment.
- ✓ **CLEAN** all aquatic plants, animals and mud from boats, trailers and equipment before going to another waterway.
- ✓ **DRAIN** water from boats, motors, bilges, live wells before transporting away from a water body or into Wisconsin.
- ✓ Don't move live fish away from a water body
- ✓ Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer and use leftover minnows only under certain conditions.
- ✓ Some counties have enacted more restrictive county ordinances prohibiting transportation of boats & trailers with plants attached on highways.



NOTE: Burnett, Bayfield, & Polk Counties have county ordinances prohibiting transportation of boats & trailers with plants attached on highways.

FUTURE GENERATIONS ARE COUNTING ON US!!

IF YOU SEE VIOLATIONS CALL:

1-800-TIP-WDNR

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

1-888-WDNRINFO

OR our invasives site at dnr.wi.gov/invasives/

www.dnr.wi.gov

