



2017 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Summary

Watercraft Inspections and Decontaminations

- **Public Accesses:** Inspections conducted at 8 Vermilion public accesses, 5 Burntside public accesses, 1 Shagawa public access
 - **2017 Goal:** 17,400 inspections plus 625 decontaminations
 - **2017 Actual:** 20,008 inspections (15% above goal) plus 594 decontaminations (95% of goal)
- Private Accesses:** Permission by the DNR was given for a pilot project to expand inspections to private accesses. Inspections were conducted by owners and employees at 10 Vermilion resorts, campgrounds, and marinas.
 - **2017 Goal:** 1,800 inspections
 - **2018 Actual:** 3,107 inspections (73% above goal)

2017 St. Louis County Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Summary		
Number of Inspections	Hours	\$ of Wages Paid to 40 Employees
20,008	13,050	\$175,000
Parameter	Number	Percent
Entering	10,742	54%
Exiting	9,252	46%
Courtesy	14	0%
Drain Plug In On Arrival	342	3%
Plants/Mud/Water On Arrival	47	0.4%
Entering From Infested Water	2,388	22%
Entering From In-State	9,098	85%
Entering From Out-Of-State	1,644	15%
Number of Decontaminations	594	3%

2017 Entering Inspections from Infested Waters	
Species	Inspections
Eurasian Watermilfoil	505
Spiny Waterflea	493
Zebra Mussels	485
Faucet Snail	156
Flowering Rush	145
Bighead Carp/Silver Carp	98
New Sealand Mud Snail/White Perch/Round Goby/Ruffe/VHS	572
Starry Stonewort	32
Total	2,388 (22%)

Collaboration with Other Counties and Jurisdictions

- **Fishing Tournaments:** Collaborated with the DNR, 1854 Treaty Authority and the Vermilion Lake Association to achieve close to a 100% inspection rate at 4 out of 5 tournaments held at Fortune Bay Marina.
- **Lake SWCD:** Established a shared services agreement with Lake SWCD for NSL inspectors to inspect boats at Fall Lake, Snowbank Lake, and Moose Lake. 1,145 watercraft inspections were complete