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ONTARIO'S
INVADING
SPECIES
AWARENESS PROGRAM



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AGENDA

- Introduction.
- Invasive Species.
- Legislation.
- Clean. Drain. Dry.
- Questions and Answers.

WHAT IS ISAP?

- Long-standing partnership between OFAH and MNRF.
- Generate education and awareness.
- Facilitate monitoring and early detection.
- Support surveillance, control and response.



Reporting Tools for Ontario

- Invading Species Hotline - 2023: **1573** calls
- EDDMapS – Over 180k reports (**22k in 2023**)
- iNaturalist – Over 200k reports

Non-Native/Introduced

- Naturalized
- Beneficial

Invasive Species/Alien: Negative Impact

- Ecosystem
- Economy
- Public Health



Spiny Waterflea

Bythotrephes longimanus

- Predatory, invasive crustacean.
- Easily transmissible.
- Can result in over 40% decline in plankton.
- Greatest threat to plankton on Canadian Shield since acid rain.

Eurasian Water-Milfoil

Myriophyllum spicatum

- Aggressive, invasive submerged plant.
- Easily transmissible through fragmentation.
- Chokes out native vegetation.
- Incredibly widespread.



Invasive Species Act, 2015

- Sets out rules to prevent and control the spread of invasive species
- Regulated species pose a risk
- Integrated assessment
- Prohibited & Restricted



2022 Amendments

Watercraft and watercraft equipment listed as carriers of invasive species.

A person shall not transport watercrafts/equipment unless:

- Drain plugs removed and water drained.
- Reasonable measures have been taken to remove any plants, animals, or algae.





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Honours the ISA:

- Before and after entering a waterbody.
- Don't need specialized equipment/chemicals.
- Visual inspection.
- Any mud, sticks, plant matter, etc.
- Due diligence.

CLEAN

The watercraft before leaving the waterbody and ensure it is clean before entering a new one.

DRAIN

Pull transom plug, lower motor, empty livewell, etc.

DRY (DISINFECT)

Leave the watercraft in direct sunlight for five days. Alternatively, use a 1000 psi pressure washer, 1:50 bleach solution, or rinse with hot water of 60 ° C to disinfect.





Let's all
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to ensure
healthy
fisheries for
future
generations.

THANK YOU

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