

Montana AIS Program Update

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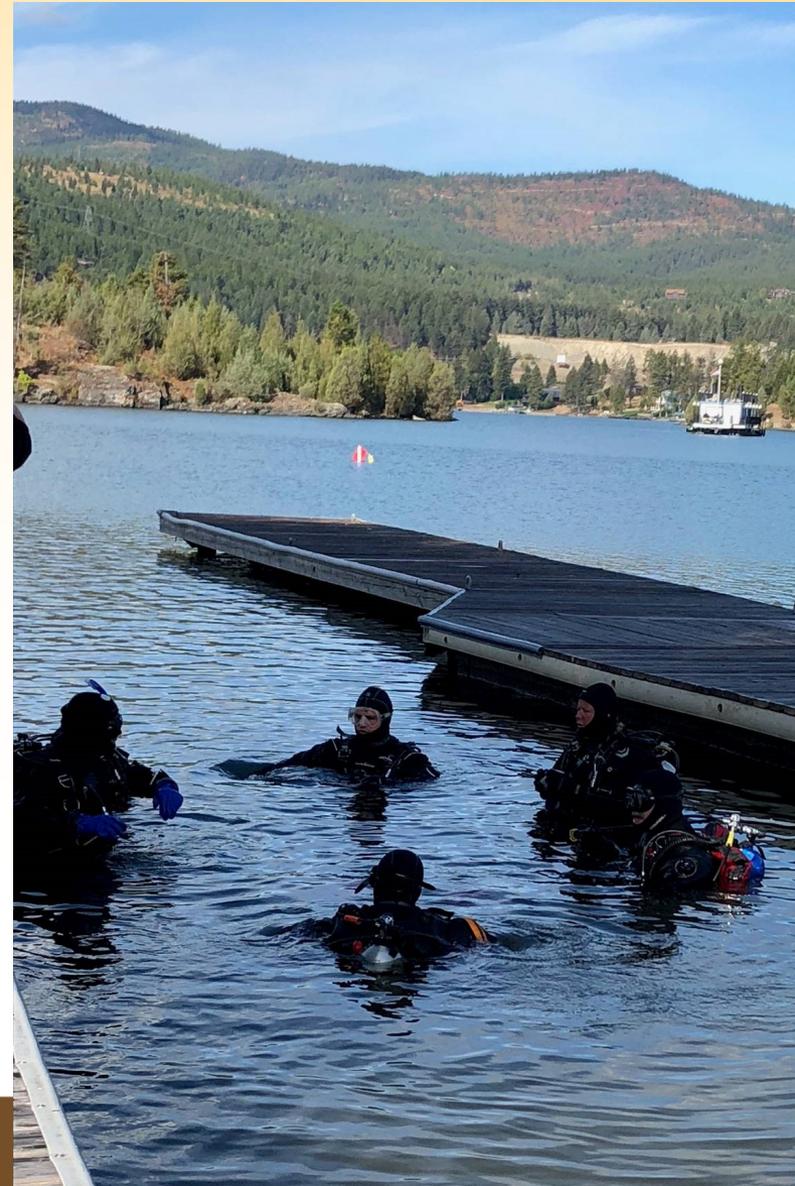
AIS Program 2018

- 99,000 inspections
- 16 Mussel fouled vessels
 - (17 last year).
- Contracted stations.
- Over 2,100 plankton tow samples.
- Divers, dogs, DNA, substrates.
- No positive mussel detections.
 - Faucet snails.



Rapid Response Exercise

- Flathead Lake Incident
- Scenario: Adults found on boat in the water.
 - Allowed for treatment planning.
- Unified Command: CSKT and FWP
- Involved many local partners.



Outreach 2018

- TV, radio, print and online outreach.
- Targeted efforts to specific user groups.
- Provide tools to partners to help deliver message.
- Bait shops.
- Educator training.



CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

Montana's waters are at risk from Aquatic invasive species.

Don't move construction or irrigation equipment unless it's **CLEAN, DRAINED AND DRY**

PROTECT OUR WATERS

- ▶ Clean equipment by removing water, plants and mud.
- ▶ Drain water from every compartment.
- ▶ Dry before moving equipment to another waterbody.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

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Proposed Changes 2019

- Restructure AIS program.
- Move stations. Consolodate. Improve Tiber containment and add Willow Creek station to Tiber. Expand hours.
- Seek expanded partner participation for station operation.
- Expand partner participation with monitoring and outreach.
- Added 310 Permit Language.
- Budget and funding for next year?



Opportunities

- Coordination:
 - eDNA use for mussel early detection.
 - Seaplanes.
 - Strategies to intercept Midwest transports.
 - Strategies for public engagement.
 - Strategies for inspection station quality control.
 - Mussel fouled boats.





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