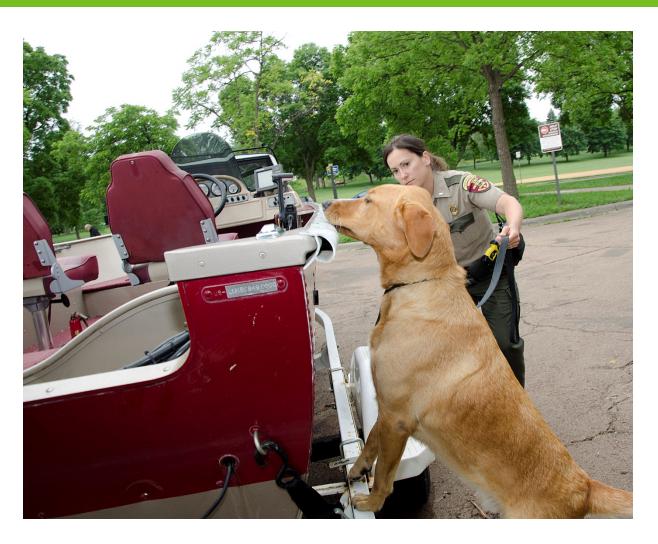


Field prevention protocols in Minnesota

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Outline



- Regulations
- Inspection for public
- Permits for certain activities
- Protocols for agency staff

Regulations

- Can't transport water, plants or prohibited invasive species
- Inspection program
- List infested waters
- Affirmation
- 21-day dock/lift law



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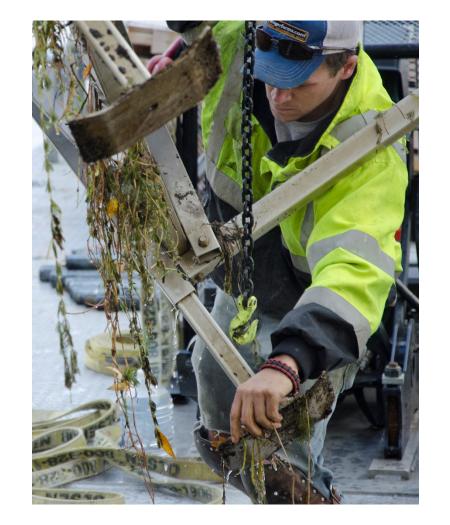
Permits



- Lake service providers
- Bait harvest
- Individuals

Permits – service provider

- Since 2012
- >1000 businesses
- Must decon equipment
- DNR offers decon training



Permits – bait harvest



- Prevention tagged gear,
 closed season, no traps
- Clean gear
- Transport to decon

Agency protocols

- Operational Order since 2007
- DNR and grantees or contractors must take prevention actions
- DNR Divisions develop guidelines



Agency protocols - examples

- Scuba diving
- Fisheries



Effectiveness



- Public 96% of boaters complying with invasive species laws
- Agency –most staff know what to do and are doing it
- Confirmed zebra mussels in <1% of MN's 11,000+ lakes</p>



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