

Mark your calendarsUpcoming meetings and events

May 23rd....Annual Meeting at the Center Township Town Hall, a new meeting place this year, located at 24491 County Road 19, (1.6 miles East of Hwy 3 on CR19). Coffee and rolls will be served at 9:30 AM with the meeting starting at 10:00.

July 18th...Board Meeting at Mission Town Hall, 9:30AM

August 8th....Annual Pot Luck Picnic at Mission Park, 1:00PM with Mission Town Hall as alternate in case of bad weather. Please bring a dish to share.

A very important message to all

The invasion/infestation of Curlyleaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil in Mission Lakes has been a very frustrating, as well as a very expensive experience for us. **Let's not share the experience with other lakes.** If you plan to take your boat to another lake, please follow these rules. **It is the law.**

- 1. CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.
- 2. DRAIN** water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, motor) *and* drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. **Keep drain plugs out** and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.
- 3. DISPOSE** of unwanted bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your live bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

KNOW THE LAW: You may not...

- Transport watercraft without removing the drain plug.
- Arrive at lake access with drain plug in place.
- Transport aquatic plants, zebra mussels, or other prohibited species on any roadway.
- Launch a watercraft with prohibited species attached.
- Transport water from Minnesota lakes or rivers.
- Release live bait into the water.

If you have used your boat on waters other than Mission Lakes, or if a guest is bringing their boat from another lake, make sure that the above rules have been followed. Many lakes are infested with zebra mussels, which are hard to detect and hard to remove. If you know the boat is coming from a lake with zebra mussels, we strongly recommend the following steps.

Spray, rinse, dry — Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water
- Rinse with very hot water*
- Dry for at least 5 days

Run motor and personal watercraft for a few seconds to discharge water before leaving a water access. Transport fish on ice — be prepared, bring a cooler.

* These water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120°F for at least 2 minutes; or 140°F for at least 10 seconds.