

Upcoming Events 2021:

Drain Campaign (June 4th-6th 2021): A statewide annual campaign led by the WDNR and AIS partners to help promote the message of draining boats and bait buckets before leaving boat landings/launches. AIS partners, led by AIS Coordinator Patrick Siwula (Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation) will be out at landings/launches and shorelines to educate the public and provide anglers with ice packs as an alternative to transporting their fish in lake water.

Landing Blitz (July 1st – 5th 2021): AIS staff and volunteers throughout the county will be out at boat landings the 4th of July weekend helping boaters understand the AIS prevention steps: Inspect, Remove, Drain, and Never Move. Towels printed with the prevention message as well as many other giveaways are handed out as a reminder to take action in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.

AIS Snapshot Day (August 21st 2021): Join other aquatic ambassadors at one or more of our many rendezvous sites around Sheboygan County for the annual AIS Snapshot Day. Hosted in partnership with UW-Extensions Citizen Lake Monitoring Network, this event will get you out on local lakes and streams to search for Invasive Species.

Volunteer Opportunities

Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) volunteers perform boat and trailer inspections, distribute informational brochures, and educate boaters on how to prevent the spread of invasive species. 1 FREE 2-hour training is all it takes to become a CBCW Boat Inspector/Volunteer! If you are interested in attending a training, please RSVP to Patrick Siwula (contact information below). Training workshops are for both new and returning volunteers (returning volunteers should be re-trained every 2 years).

CBCW Workshop Dates:

Tuesday, April 27th: 5:00-7:00PM, held at Maywood Environmental Park

Thursday, May 20th: 5:00-7:00PM, held at Maywood Environmental Park

* Maywood Environmental Park is located at 3615 Mueller Road in the City of Sheboygan. Please note, face masks and social distancing are required while at Maywood.

Citizen Lake Monitors Network (CLMN) is a group of volunteers responsible for collecting lake data including water clarity, water chemistry, aquatic invasive species, and native aquatic plants. The information gathered by these monitoring programs are used by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and university biologists and researchers, UW-Extension, and other interested individuals.

**If you are interested in becoming part of the Sheboygan County CLMN please contact Patrick Siwula (info listed below)

Project RED (Riverine Early Detectors) volunteers learn how to identify AIS in rivers and streams. The key to successfully protecting our rivers is early detection when it is still possible to isolate or eradicate the infestation.

**2021 Project RED workshops and training location/dates to be announced

For any questions regarding AIS in Sheboygan County or to register for a training session, please contact:

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