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AIS Detection and Monitoring Services

What are Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)?

AIS are organisms that impact water bodies and wetlands, limit natural ecological functions and reduce recreational opportunities. Eurasian watermilfoil, curlyleaf pondweed, and flowering rush are examples of invasive plant species that cause both an economic and ecological impact to water bodies across North America. Oragnisms such as Zebra/quagga mussels and New Zealand mud snails are also causing many threats to our US water bodies. AIS species attach themselves to boats, hulls, props, and trailers where they are transported from one body of water to another. AIS can damage boats, clog irrigation pipelines, impact community water sources, and can cause overall damage to our native fisheries. Since they are typically prolific invaders and do not have natural competition or predators, they often spread rapidly.

Early Detection, Prevention and Maintenance

The best way to combat AIS is through prevention, early detection, and ongoing monitoring. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) facilitates grant programs to release funds to cities, counties, districts, tribes and other non-profit organizations to help prevent the spread of these invasive species.

We Can Help!

Whether you require grant writing expertise to obtain funds for an AIS project, assistance with water assessments, or coordination and implementation of routine monitoring, Water and Environmental Technologies (WET) will provide you with the technical support to get it done. Our team knows that early detection and prevention is not only cost-effective, but crucial for maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Call today to speak to one of our professional hydrologists or wildlife biologists that specialize in AIS issues.

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