

# Save The Date January 20-21, 2015

## Aquatic Invaders Summit: An Exploration of Collaboration, Innovation, and Opportunity



**Sponsored by:** Initiative Foundation, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates,  
and Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts

**Who Should Attend:** Minnesota local units of government and their partners (lake associations, service providers, sporting groups, angling organizations, business community, and more)

**Where:** St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud, Minnesota

**Attendees will learn about way to take the fight against aquatic invasive species (AIS) to the next level by:**

- Developing an understanding of current practices/laws; understanding what AIS are here and the impacts; and learning what's on the horizon for aquatic invasive species prevention and management.
- Learning about new technology and innovative approaches for AIS prevention (new infestations, new aquatic invaders, and limiting the spread through AIS management) in Minnesota and successes across the country.
- Gaining insights into successful communication and educational tools for AIS prevention.
- Participating in a grassroots effort to develop a first of its kind, coordinated AIS Prevention Framework for local collaboration and implementation.

This two day event will bring in national AIS leaders to provide on-the-ground applied science and actions that can be taken by locals to lower the risk of spreading AIS. Experts are being invited from across the country to share the best and worst of their programs with Minnesota. This program will allow all the AIS managers, Counties, local governments, lake associations, angling groups and others who work at the local level to network, it will get everyone on the same page with regard to expectations, data recording, strategies and provide all attendees with the latest science, research and goals in AIS prevention and control. On the second day, participants will work through a Local AIS Framework (LAF) and leave with as good working document on how to best apply their resources to protect their lakes from AIS.

**For Summit registration:** See <http://www.ifound.org/community/aquatic-invasive-species/> after November 1, 2014 for complete program details and registration information.

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