

**AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) CONDITIONS TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATIONS OF
COMPETITIVE FISHING EVENT LICENCE (LDB-17-22)**

Aquatic invasive species can harm Manitoba's water bodies and negatively impact fishing opportunities. Be part of the solution. Do not move aquatic invasive species.

1. Derby organizer must inform contestants of the Aquatic Invasive Species legislation requirements. If possible, each contestant must be informed of the AIS legislation no later than 2 weeks before the start of the competitive fishing event, by the following methods:
 - a. Distribution of "Clean, Drain, Dry and Dispose: It's the Law" fact sheet by mail or email, and
 - b. Add the following links to the derby or tournament's website home page:
 - i. The Province of Manitoba AIS web page (www.manitoba.ca/StopAIS),
 - ii. Link to the AIS regulations (http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/_pdf-regs.php?reg=173/2015)
 - iii. The Federal AIS Regulations (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2015-121/FullText.html>)
 - iv. Federal watercraft import provisions (<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/dm-md/d19/d19-8-5-eng.pdf>)

Note: You could be denied entry into Canada if:

 - 1) Possessing zebra mussels, quagga mussels or invasive carp (black, grass, bighead or silver carp), and/or
 - 2) The watercraft entering is not cleaned, drained and dry.
2. Contestants must comply with Aquatic Invasive Species regulations year-round (open water and winter (ice covered) seasons). The required actions to be compliant with provincial law have been broken down below based on what time of year (open water seasons versus winter season) contestants are using Manitoba's water bodies.
3. It is important to note the following definitions as defined in the Manitoba *Water Protection Act*:
 - a. **Water-related equipment**: means any prescribed items defined in the Aquatic Invasive Species regulation under *The Water Protection Act*. Items such as, anchors, buoys, fishing gear, docks, bait buckets, totes, ropes, augers that are used in water bodies are considered water-related equipment.
 - b. **Conveyance**: means a motor vehicle, watercraft and aircraft.
 - c. **Motor vehicle**: means a) a motor vehicle as defined in subsection 1(1) of *The Highway Traffic Act*, an off-road vehicle as defined in *The Off-Road Vehicle Act*, and other self-propelled vehicle that is designed to travel on land.
 - d. **Bait**: a live organism that is placed on a hook or in a trap to lure or entice fish. Thus the definition pertains to fish, leeches or any other organism used as bait.

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Conditions for Contestant Participation:

**Highlights of AIS Legislation and Regulations that Pertain to Fishers and
Event Organizers Participating in a Competitive Fishing Event**

YOU MUST ALWAYS: follow all provisions, referred to as the 'general cleaning provisions'. These provisions apply to all water-users using any water body in Manitoba.

IF YOU HAVE COME FROM A CONTROL ZONE WATER BODY: you have additional requirements to follow before launching.

Below outlines the responsibilities of all participants to prevent the spread of AIS and to be compliant with provincial and federal AIS laws during the winter (ice covered) season.

WINTER (Ice covered) SEASON

For clarification, the general cleaning and control zone provisions do not apply to water in its frozen state. For example if driving on the ice/snow to ice fish, snow accumulated in the tires or tracks of a snowmobile does not have to be removed before leaving the shore of the frozen water body.

NOTE: IF ORIGINATING FROM AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES INVADED WATER BODY OR IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN THE LAST WATER BODY VISITED IS INVADED, YOU MUST DECONTAMINATE WATER-RELATED EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO ENTERING (OR LAUNCHING IN) INTO ANY WATER BODY IN MANITOBA..

Section A: General Cleaning Provisions

The following general cleaning provisions must be undertaken when using any water body in Manitoba during the winter (ice covered) season.

- a. **before leaving** the shore of the water body ensure any watercraft, water-related equipment (e.g., bait buckets, fishing rods, totes), and conveyance are inspected and:
 - a. Free of aquatic invasive species and aquatic plants, and
 - b. All water is drained.

NOTE: Water which freezes to water-related equipment, upon removal from the water such as auger does not need to have the frozen water (ice) removed before leaving the shore of the water body.

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Section B: Control Zone Provisions

Control Zones are based on water bodies with known AIS invasions, where AIS will spread due to water movements or considered at high risk. Control Zones are subject to change. For the most up-to-date Control Zone information, visit Manitoba.ca/StopAIS

In addition to the winter season general cleaning requirements, contestants must ensure watercraft and water-related equipment are decontaminated if the last water body visited in Manitoba was a water body in a Control Zone. Decontamination must occur **before** placing the water-related equipment into any other water body.

Prior to placing watercraft and water-related equipment into any other water body, it must be:

- i. Decontaminated according to Schedule B (watercraft) and C (water-related equipment) of the Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation **AND**
- ii. Completely dry.

Rules for the Disposal of Bait after being used on a Control Zone

A person who possesses live bait used on a water body in a Control Zone must dispose of all unused live bait on land, such as in the trash, prior to leaving the shore of the water body. All water must also be drained from the bait container before leaving the shore.

The above rules are irrespective of the 3-day live bait fish transfer and use receipt.