"How can I help protect our lakes?" That's a question we're asked a lot! Here's how:

LEARN HOW TO CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR WATERCRAFT

Follow the instructions in the link below and if you have time, allow your boat to dry at least 5 days and/or use a hot water decontamination unit where available before going to another waterbody. <u>http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/preventspread_watercraft.html</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lEcDnLDpz8&feature=BFa&list=PL1A468B277F9A6E57

DECONTAMINATE YOUR WATERCRAFT

Every time you move from one body of water to the next – make sure your watercraft is decontaminated! Even if a lake has not been designated as infested with an AIS species, it may be in the early stages of an infestation we haven't detected yet. Also, lakes contaminated with one type of AIS, may still become contaminated with another species. Many microscopic organisms may live in a small amount of water near your boat drain, inside your bilge area, or inside the mud from your anchor.

<u>Call the AIS HOTLINE at 320-214-6730</u> to find the location, dates and hours of watercraft decontamination units offered by Kandiyohi County.

WORK AS AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES INSPECTOR

https://www.kcmn.us/docs/HR/Kandiyohi%20County%20Job%20Application%20FILLABLE%20REVISED%200225 19.pdf

APPLY FOR FUNDING TO HELP LOCAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROJECTS

https://www.kcmn.us/departments/AIS/grants.php

ATTEND AIS TASKFORCE MEETINGS

The Kandiyohi Count Aquatic Invasive Species Taskforce meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Dethlef Center, 217 Hillcrest Avenue (near the Green Lake Mall) in Spicer from 6:00 – 7:00pm. Please call AIS Coordinator Russ Hilbert at 320-231-6229 ext. 5251 to confirm dates and times in case of a schedule change.

As a community, we all have a part to play in protecting the heritage of Kandiyohi County – both above and below the waterline!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MS2frO0QWHI

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