

ISDA Weeds/IS Update

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Watercraft Inspection

- Inspections began (pre-COVID) in mid-February
- COVID impacts
 - Focus on the most essential activities
 - Hiring freeze
 - Reduce spread and risk
 - CDC Guidelines, Governor's guidelines
 - Regional collaboration regarding inspection protocols
 - Limit interaction with boating public to only essential tasks, limited exchange of material, single use pens, etc.

Watercraft Inspection – COVID Impacts

- Bonner and Kootenai Inspection Stations – normal operations
- Roving Crews suspended due to social distancing and hiring freeze
- Restructured training
 - Online virtual
 - Webinar
 - Printed material
 - In-person only to small groups where social distancing can be achieved

Watercraft Inspection – Site Improvements

- Over \$300,000 invested in N. Idaho site improvements – modular units, lighted message boards, earthwork, electrical, phone/data, lighting.
- Clark Fork and Samuels complete (except for possible exterior lighting)
- Albeni Falls – working to amend lease and allow electrical power

Watercraft Inspection

- Real-time data available through [invasivespecies.Idaho.gov](https://invasivespecies.idaho.gov)
 - Over 38,000 inspections
 - 856 brought back by law enforcement, excellent partnership with Bonner and Kootenai County Sheriff, ISP
 - 956 high risk watercraft from infested waterbodies
 - 1,249 hotwashes
 - 20 mussel fouled watercraft
 - Multiple “nets”

BNSF Construction Project

- BNSF worked closely with ISDA to allow conveyance inspection prior to launch
- Certification of “new” build origin or decontamination for used equipment
- Detailed AID management plan specific for this project
- No mussels or other AIS have been found on watercraft

IS Monitoring

- No detections in 2019
- 2020 – same sampling tenacity, focus on both adult and veliger mussels
- Hiring freeze has shifted workload to full-time staff
- Appx. 400 veliger sample tows, 50 adult surveys
- Sample bi-weekly throughout the summer season, require two week turnaround time for analysis
- Stakeholder partnerships

IS – Rapid Response

- 2019 Hells Canyon Exercise
 - Lessons Learned
 - Interagency Cooperation
 - Multi-jurisdictional issues
 - Decision process

Aquatic Noxious Weeds

- N. Idaho Survey Blitz
 - Three boats
 - 10 people
 - Hayden, Cocolalla, Pend Oreille River, Lake Pend Oreille
 - Reviewing past treatment areas, looking for unknown populations, planning treatments for late summer
 - Diver dredging – new contract
 - Herbicide applicator – new contract



2020 ISDA Aquatic Noxious Weed Treatment Plans



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