

Invasive Species Mitigation at Municipal Boat Launches

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Background

- Invasive Species Act (2015)
 - Updated January 2022
- Now includes watercraft as an overland carrier of invasive species
- Reasonable ‘cleaning’ measures have to be taken when transferring watercraft to a new waterbody



**CLEAN
DRAIN
DRY**

**Prevent the Spread of Aquatic
Invasive Species**

Photo: Canadian Council on Invasive Species



Project Partnership/Funding

- Invasive Species Centre approached SSEA to collaborate on a project
- Offered \$5,000 to SSEA
- Signed agreement in March



*“The **Invasive Species Centre** prevents the introduction and spread of high-risk invasive species in Canada by connecting stakeholders with knowledge and technology... Incorporated as a non-for-profit in 2011, the Invasive Species Centre is a hub for collaboration and knowledge sharing.”*



Project Overview

- Create advanced draft document that provides guidance to municipalities on boat launch upgrades to encourage best practices for invasive species mitigation
- Document outlines a range of considerations and upgrades for boat launches
 - Examples: signage, hand tools, pressurized air/water, bait disposal



Benefit to SSEA Municipalities

- A resource that:
 - Supports provincial legislation update
 - Provides a range of options and approaches to municipalities
 - Helps to facilitate protection of local aquatic ecosystems and infrastructure from invasive species threats



Thank YOU!

