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New required aquatic invasive species rules decal for Minnesota boaters now available

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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A new required decal is now available for Minnesota boaters to help remind them of the state's aquatic invasive species laws, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today.

The free decals are available at:

- DNR offices.
- Deputy registrar offices where licenses are sold.
- Large sporting goods shops.
- DNR watercraft inspectors and conservation officers.

The decals will also be included in envelopes with new and renewal watercraft licenses

mailed from the DNR.

The decal should be attached to all types of watercraft including canoes, kayaks and duckboats before launching on, entering into, or operating on any Minnesota waters.

The two-piece, gray-and-black decals detail new state laws that watercraft users must follow in order to avoid spreading aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil and spiny waterfleas.

The decal must be attached to the watercraft, but state law does not specify where that must occur. DNR officials recommend displaying it where it can be read and can be shown to an officer upon request. However, the decal does not need to be in view of the operator (as is the case with the state's personal watercraft

decal), and it does not need to be placed near the watercraft registration decals.

If a watercraft owner does not want to stick the decal on the boat because it is an antique wooden boat or other unique boat, the decal can be attached or laminated to an object like a luggage tag and kept in the boat.

There are two parts to the decal. Watercraft owners and operators must display the top portion of the decal on all watercraft prior to launching on, entering into, or operating on any waters of Minnesota.

The second portion of the decal is intended to be placed on the winch post of watercraft trailers or in another area to remind boaters to remove the boat's drain plug when leaving a water access area as required by state law. It also reminds boaters to replace the plug before launching. This decal is not required by law.

Club Calendar

April 26th NUASF Club Meeting
May 10th Social Night at the Club House
May 12th Minnesota Fishing Opener
May 31st NUASF Club Meeting
June 14th Social Night at the Club House
June 28th NUASF Club Meeting

There is no penalty in effect, but conservation officers can issue a warning for not displaying the decal. After Aug. 1, 2014, it will be a petty misdemeanor for boaters who fail to display the decal on their watercraft. More information about aquatic invasive species laws is available on DNR website.



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

First things first, at the last meeting we elected our winner for the Stoney Award. The Stoney Award goes out to the member who gives time and time again. We all know there are many members that do this and I would like to thank all of our members for making this such a great organization. At the next meeting we will be presenting the award to, 2 very special members that passed away this last year. They both gave endlessly to our club time and time again and will be missed by all. The award will be given to Wayne Forbrook, and Ervin Fisher's Family members.

I would like to thank everyone that showed up for the Community Clean Up For Water Quality. We had many volunteers from the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman club. After we got done cleaning up around town and down at the river we all headed out to the club house for spring clean up. Great job everyone!!!!

I have great news! We got a great deal on a 14' Ice Castle to give away at our 26th annual Ice Fishing Contest on Clear Lake. I will have the fish house at the May meeting for everyone to see.

Spring is in the air and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!



The Department of Natural Resources says a commercial fisherman caught a 30-pound big-head carp at the mouth of the St. Croix River near Prescott, WI. Watch Channel 5 News at 10 p.m. after the meeting on Thursday to learn more about this fish and problems it can cause if not stopped.

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MEETING NOTES FROM MARCH 29th, 2012

- * Members present: 25+
- * Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved unanimously.
- * Membership update: Membership stands at 193 w/ 38 due.
- * Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Sleepy Eye-Tiny Sunfish, Lake Hanska-Crappies biting, MN River-Lots of boats, Bell Lake-Limit of crappies.
- * Clubhouse and Grounds update: April 7th Community clean up and clubhouse cleanup. Meet at Riverside Park 9:00AM-Clean up at club grounds after community cleanup. New siding is needed on the boat shed. Finish club house cleanup on social night April 12th
- * No other old business. Dick Peterman added picture to the antique board of three antique members
- * New Business:
- * Club needs to be prepared to purchase another Ice Castle Fish House. They will start to go on sale in April.
- * A Big Thank You goes out to the Berg family for providing access to Clear Lake again this year. Motion was made and seconded to give Randy, Gary, and Jr. Berg a gift Certificate to Carl's Corner for \$50.
- * Community Clean Up for water quality will be held on April 7th. Meet at Riverside Park at 9 AM.
- * Wilmar Studtman Memorial Ice Fishing Contest had a good turnout. Over 30 fish were caught and plenty of prizes were given away.
- * Youth Fishing Contest will be set for some time in August.
- * Motion was made and seconded to award this year's Stoney Award to Erv Fischer and Wayne Forbrook posthumously for outstanding dedication to the mission of the NUASF.
- * Food for next meeting provided by Pat Roiger and John Rolloff
- * Other New Business:
- * Discussion about committee for Kitchen Duties. Tom Simonson volunteered to chair w/ the help of Dave Wenk.
- * Elmer Epke will do a pork chop feed at our June meeting.
- * Canada Fishing Trip- 3 day trip around July 4. Cost \$600-700 and you will need a pass port. See Jerry Carlson for details (354-8869).
- * Trailer we us to use for tickets sales. Need's to be sold, best offer.
- * Interesting report on Invasive Species Presentation held at the State Capital.
- * Tony Miller provided report on newsletter ad project.
- * Uncollected prizes from the Ice Contest were handed out be delivered.
- * Thanks to Glen Rasmussen for providing the March meal.

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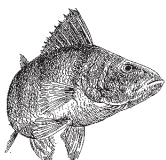
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