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**Subject:** FW: FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** David Hulkonen [mailto:[hulkonend@gmail.com](mailto:hulkonend@gmail.com)]  
Vermillion, SD

**From:** David Hulkonen [mailto:[hulkonend@gmail.com](mailto:hulkonend@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:01 AM  
**To:** SDGFPINFO  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I agree with the steps required to stop invasive species. However, you should either make allowance by placing cleaning stations on the containment area or allow fisherman to bring their catch to the nearest cleaning station prior to draining livewells.

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Bob Arndt [<mailto:barndt@stjosephwaconia.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 6:35 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I am St. Bonifacius, Minn. 55375 thanks Bob Arndt

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**From:** Bob Arndt [<mailto:barndt@stjosephwaconia.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** SDGFPINFO  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

Being from Minn. . I have had to deal with all of our water problems for a few years now. Invasive Species is a big deal and it is not going to go away. We do need to protect our waters, I' am surprised that has taken S.D. this long to deal with the issue at hand . When fishing out their ( Webster area ) I deal with my fish-bait-and boat the same way I do here in Minn. Pull the plug on the boat and all the live wells, I have a cooler with a chunk of ice to transport my fish . Bait is a little harder , leeches stay in the container that I got from the bait shop and they are in a cooler in the boat . Minnows are drained from the container that there in and put into a container in the back of the truck where I have well water & ice ( as it will get warm out some trips . ) I have invested in portable aerators both 12 volt and 110 ( cheap investment )\_ So it can be done , sure it is a pain in the butt sometimes , But it needs to be done . I don't think any slack should be cut ( the 5 gallon thing ) People need to be told , that we need to make changes for the betterment of S.D. waters. P.S. ALL WATERS

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**From:** South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks [<mailto:sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:46 AM  
**To:** Bob Arndt  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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**Subject:** FW: Regulations:

**From:** Dave Zabel [<mailto:Dave.Zabel@kemps.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:24 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** RE: Regulations:

I live in Glencoe, Minnesota. Any progress making anglers aware of the harm these hitch hikers can do will help them want to do their part.

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**From:** Dave Zabel [<mailto:Dave.Zabel@kemps.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:29 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Regulations:

As a Minnesota angler most of these regulations are already in place and have been helping some but this is an almost impossible problem. I hope anglers understand how important it is to stop the spread of these hitch hikers.

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**Subject:** FW: AIS

**From:** Porter's Toys for Boys [<mailto:toys4boy@itctel.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:42 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: AIS

Mark Porter , Brookings, SD

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**From:** Porter's Toys for Boys [<mailto:toys4boy@itctel.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 1:05 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS

First thing ; as a licensed wholesale bait dealer how is this going to effect me?  
While the intent is honorable I think it is not a necessary act. Where is the AIS at that needs to be slowed?  
How much of a problem is it now ?  
If I pull my boat home and then take the fish from the live well then drain it on my yard or drive way what chance is there of a spread.  
What about enforcement? What if I put my well water in the live well when I leave home and use recirculation cuz my baits in there?  
I'm all for stopping any AIS but if the problem isn't prevalent why put anglers to the test. Then if you consider that back east here most all lakes are in some sort of a chain of water bodies and it would probably not stop any spread anyway. How many times in a day does an angler change lakes with the same boat , that would be the best case of a chance but if they are leaving one for another it's because they didn't catch anything anyway. I'm all for educating the anglers but I think the cart is front of the horse this time. Although coming from an other state or even a border lake is a set up for these rules.

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**Subject:** FW: new rules

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**From:** Everett Moore [<mailto:everettmoore3@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** new rules

So we put our bait and fish in 5 gallon pails and dump our live wells. we move to another body of water and pour the water back in our live wells. How does this help? I think this is overkill. Most likely we are done fishing after pulling out of Lewis and Clark or below the dam anyway. I presume this doesn't apply once you get below the Big Sioux as SD stops there.

My address is:  
Town: Winnebago  
State: Nebraska

Everett Moore

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Tom Jones [mailto:tom.jones67@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:46 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

Tom Jones  
Sioux Falls, SD

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tom Jones [mailto:tom.jones67@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:16 AM  
**To:** SDGFPINFO  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I'm fine with this, but will you also install a fish cleaning station on Lewis and Clark that actually works and isn't always shut down? maybe have one above the damn as well?

Tom Jones

<image001.jpg>

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**Subject:** FW: proposed angling/boating regulations

**From:** BJ Schneiderman [mailto:[bjschneiderman@longlines.com](mailto:bjschneiderman@longlines.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:47 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: proposed angling/boating regulations

North Sioux city SD

Have a great day

B J

**From:** BJ Schneiderman [mailto:[bjschneiderman@longlines.com](mailto:bjschneiderman@longlines.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:15 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** proposed angling/boating regulations

I totally understand the "invasive" concern and support the changes. I typically pull the drain plug (small fishing boat) and check for anything hanging from the trailer.

I do have a few concerns:

First--What is to prevent people from "dumping" the remains of the bait bucket into the water they are leaving. I always had the understanding the an angler should not throw any remaining "bait minnows" into the water.

Second--What about leaving either Lewis and Clark Lake or the discharge waters below the dam to fish on the other part? The way I read the proposed changes it would still be considered "on the property" but then again---there's the highway and what's to prevent the angler/boater from "leaving the scene"?

No need to respond to my concerns--just wanted to throw them out for possible discussion/clarification on your part.

Thank you for all that you do.

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Dennis Welch [<mailto:Dennis.Welch@echogroupinc.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 2:01 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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**From:** Dennis Welch [<mailto:Dennis.Welch@echogroupinc.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 9:03 AM  
**To:** SDGFPINFO  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I would be in favor of these changes

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**Subject:** FW: FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Tina House [mailto:rahouse22@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

My city and state are: St. Paul, Missouri. 63366

**From:** Tina House [mailto:rahouse22@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:11 AM  
**To:** SDGFPINFO  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

This would be an inconvenience since there are no cleaning stations on many of the lakes. Also costly because we have baitwells.

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed Rules re: Spread of AIS - My Comments

**From:** John Binkly [mailto:jbinkly@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2015 12:33 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed Rules re: Spread of AIS - My Comments

Members of the GFP Commission,

I have read the summary and entirety of the proposed rules re: slowing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species ("AIS") and respectively submit my comments herein for your consideration.

As an avid fisherman I generally welcome improvements to fishery conditions in terms of aquatic conditions and importantly enjoyment for all....the avid fisherman and the occasional person that enjoys nature and teaching his / her children to fish and to respect nature. However, I think the proposed rules are an overkill to slow the spread of AIS. They are overly complex & confusing requiring hours of study by fisherman upfront and would require a refresher read every time one prepares to fish a different body of water. They would be very difficult to enforce and do not stop the spread of AIS.....the "burden / reward" equation for fisherman and GFP employees' does not justify the proposed rules.

In my opinion, the Commission should use caution to avoid the "slippery slope" of regulatory / rules gone amok. I suggest that educational programs should be given first priority. For example, simply washing your boat & motor correctly after removing from a body of water and before placing in another body of water reduces the spread of AIS greatly. The vast majority of people that enjoy nature & fishing will, once equipped with knowledge, voluntarily apply common sense and good habits without being burdened, threatened and confused with regulatory overkill. Why not have a *simple* informational pamphlet (emphasis on simple) mailed or given to each person acquiring a SD fish license or watercraft registration? Or have a GFP employee talk to fisherman and boaters about AIS and preventive measures to take at the major reservoirs boat ramps on peak days?

Please be reminded that nature and the wildlife belongs to the citizens and should be *easily* enjoyed by the citizens of this great state. I urge to keep it simple and fun for all.

Respectively,

John Binkly  
jbinkly@cox.net  
590 Lakeshore Drive  
McCook Lake, SD 57049

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**Subject:** FW: response to AIS

**From:** Josh Steidl [<mailto:joshsteidlbbd@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 10:36 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** response to AIS

Hello,

I moved to South Dakota 4 years ago from Alexandria, MN. I was able to witness the lakes in the area get taken over by invasive species, and how the DNR responded. From experience, I agree with the in laws SD GFP wants to put in place and think they should do so before it is too late. It seems as though Minnesota did not educate the public enough and by the time the lakes were already infested it was to late and it spread like wildfire. It seems as though it costed the state much more money to try and handle the problem after it was already there instead of just more education and laws for boaters. Lets pass these laws and keep theses beautiful lakes in SD clean.

Thank you

Joshua Steidl  
Watertown, SD

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**Subject:** FW: New Rules on Aquatic Invasive Species

**From:** Jeremy Johnson [<mailto:Jeremy.Johnson@daktronics.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 9:29 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** New Rules on Aquatic Invasive Species

In general I am not a fan of the proposed changes. I have a hard time believing that anglers are a significant factor in spreading aquatic species, especially in comparison to the tens of thousands of birds, amphibians, beaver, muskrats and other critters that utilized our waters. Further, I would say that it is rare that an angler would move from one lake to another during the same day. And, during the time that boats are not in use, I believe that the vast majority of anglers are draining their wells. All that said... I am not an expert, my opinions may very well be wrong. If there are going to be new rules applied, I would expect to have the 'science' behind the decisions made public.

I would also like to add that I do sometimes fish in MN. I feel that their rules are really over the top and borderline crazy. I understand that they are considering making anyone trailering a boat to take a class on Invasive species (I believe this is currently under review). I can pretty much guarantee that if they do implement this, that will be it for me. I will no longer fish in MN. I don't think they understand the economic effects of their decisions.

I get that this is a complicated issue. From a layman's perspective though, I cannot see how anglers are a significant contributor to this problem.

**JEREMY JOHNSON**

Address 201 Daktronics Dr. Brookings, SD 57006

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**Subject:** FW: AIS

**From:** K & J Body Shop [<mailto:kibody@hickorytech.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 7:19 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS

I feel it should be a requirement. I fished the Red River and Traverse Bay in Canada this fall. We had to pull the plugs and drain live and bait wells at the ramp. There was also a station set up to rinse boat and live wells with a solution. The fish had to be dead. We also needed permits for ramp. Live bait could not be used unless you had a permit for it. This should have been done years ago. All this takes very little time. While one person cleans fish the other ones can take care of the boat. Get it done and keep up the good work. I fished Ohio, Canada, Missouri, Arkansas and South Dakota. The Missouri river is still by far the best fishery and my favorite place to go. I am 64 years young and have fished South Dakota since a teen ager.

Ken Vander Ziel, Rock Valley, IA

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**Subject:**

FW: AIS

**From:** Dave Saenger [<mailto:desaenger@wah.midco.net>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 3:52 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** AIS

Dear Sirs,

In response to your new rules pertaining to preventing the spread of AIS, I think it's a great idea. I've been practicing this for years anyway. Living in Minnesota we have to carry fresh well water in our vehicles to transport our minnows in. No water is allowed in the boats. Fish need to be put on ice in coolers.

Thanks

Dave Saenger, Watertown, SD

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**From:** SIDNEYPIE@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 4:15 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS

Commissioners,

I support the proposed rule changes to stop the spread of AIS to other bodies of water.

Sidney Wagner  
367 Lakeshore Dr  
McCook Lake, SD 57049

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**Subject:** FW: New invasive species rules

**From:** Mark Stevens [<mailto:mark@sturdevants.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 7:45 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** New invasive species rules

I'm all for it.

Mark Stevens  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

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**From:** craig hansen <greycritter@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 5:24 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Invasive species regulations proposal

Craig Eugene Hansen, Rapid City, South Dakota:

I realize the importance of responsible management of our waterways and the potential negative impact invasive species can pose to our native species of fish in these waters. I fully support and recommend the new regulations be put into action as soon as possible.

Thank you,  
Craig

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**From:** sgd <stevegill@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 5:35 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** new proposed rules

Dear SD game and fish,

I am a novice fisherperson, but enjoying fishing in SD. If these new rules will help with the health of the game fish population in SD waters, than I am all for it.

Stephen G. Dill

Remington VA

Small 2nd home in FT. Pierre, which I am spending increasing time at.

Thanks, Steve Dill

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**From:** David and Laura Jacobs <dajacobs@iw.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 5:42 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I am not opposed to the proposed regulations. However, I believe the new regulations should come with a requirement that the GF&P be required to provide more fish cleaning stations as well as better equip the fish cleaning stations that are already in place. GF&P also needs to put in bait dumping stations.

One concern I have with the proposed rule to require the draining of livewells and removing plugs is that there is nothing specifically requiring owners of boats with I/O motors to drain them. I/O motors hold a considerable amount of water that would be transported to the next body of water the boat is put in. I see little difference between the water held in a livewell and the water held inside an I/O motor.

David Jacobs  
Canton, SD

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**From:** kelan <kelan@nrctv.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 6:25 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** auqatic invasive species rules

As an angler, these new proposed rules seem more then reasonable to protect our waterways. Commen sense & awareness are what's needed.

Kelan Lechner  
Aberdeen SD

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**From:** Mike Laing <mjlaing22@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 6:50 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** water laws

Hi, I don't have a huge problem with the changes. Some states already have these regulations. I hope there is a grace period before strict enforcement. I want the water to stay the way it was too. I am willing to comply, so I can keep coming to this friendly and enjoyable state. Thanks Mike Laing Avon, Minnesota

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed changes to AIS containment rules

-----Original Message-----

From: [lauriekc@juno.com](mailto:lauriekc@juno.com) [mailto:[lauriekc@juno.com](mailto:lauriekc@juno.com)]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 7:14 PM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: Proposed changes to AIS containment rules

Sir/Ma'am, after living in North Dakota from 2007-2013 and spending those years also fishing in Minnesota waters, I am familiar with AIS. And now as a Yankton resident, I would like to see some adjustments to the proposals to help prevent continued spread of AIS in my waters while allowing anglers in AIS containment water bodies to save their bait from one fishing day to the next. I recommend the following changes to the proposal:

I would like something written into the rules that would allow anglers from AIS areas to be able to keep minnows and leaches from one fishing trip to the next using bait shop water or well water.

Also, I recommend the following change to #1.

1. Water must be drained from boats and other watercraft, including bilges, livewells, baitwells and motors before leaving waters or properties managed by GFP or other government agencies. Anglers would also be required to remove drain plugs when leaving waters or properties managed by GFP or other government agencies.

Thanks for considering these changes.

v/r

David Carlson

280 Deerfield Dr

Yankton, SD 57078

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**Subject:** FW: Aquatic nuisance comments

**From:** James Moore [mailto:bigjimmoore7@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 3:37 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Aquatic nuisance comments

Usually with the term "prohibit" comes a penalty and enforcement issues. As a fisherman (and boat manufacturer, former Pres of Lund Boats) who has traveled extensively to areas with problems I take this issue seriously. But I have found a much better response to strong education efforts vs regulations that "prohibit" certain actions. Draining of the bilge, and livewells does not address the full problem, the larvae and velgers can live for days in the water trapped in the engine water pump, prop exhaust etc that are not covered in your regulation. Simply put, enforcement is not going to stop this, education, education, education will hopefully greatly reduce the potential. Those traveling from areas known to harbor unwanted species will make the extra effort to eradicate ANS if well educated. Requiring someone who will be fishing the same body of water on a daily basis to go through this process unnecessarily creates animosity and an unwillingness to cooperate due to a lack of common sense in the regulations. Mandatory checkpoints at major points of entry into the state along with educational materials that list procedures and **products** that can be used to eliminate unwanted pests. Key in on those coming in from out of state and those returning fro infected waters. Winning strong public support through educating them is key in my opinion. An idea that would have some cost would be to locate these checkpoints at the port of entry weigh stations and have a back in tank with ANS killing solutions that boaters could back into and run all systems, motor, livewell, bilge plug out so the solution enters the bilge and pumps can be run flushing all lines. A thorough process that kills even ANS hitchhikers that may be on the hull or the trailer. Some cost, but nothing compared to the cost from damage done by unwanted species entering the waters of the state.

I would even suggest having supplies of these products available for purchase at these check points at a profit to the department to assist in the cost of manning them. I recently witnessed and experienced well educated volunteers working high traffic areas on Hawaii beaches that was damaging coral. People were receptive, cooperative and understanding once the implications were explained. This versus the confrontational issues I've witnessed in ND by enforcement personnel aggressively enforcing a similar regulation and writing citations as fishermen leave the launch even though they may only be going to a campsite or cabin and returning to the same body of water for the next several days or even the entire season in some cases. There needs to be a respect that goes both ways, and a lack of common sense regulations destroys the relationship the department needs with the public. I feel I am one that is usually supportive of the departments/governments efforts to work for the protection of the resource, but there is also too much regulation. Do you ever feel you need a lawyer to accompany you for advice?

Thank you for your efforts and the opportunity to give this input. If you would like to ask further questions I can be contacted at 208-413-1938.

Jim Moore, Lewistown, ID

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**From:** Cory Brummels <cbrummels001@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 3:15 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** New Rule

I think that would be a good rule/reg.

Cory Brummels  
Norfolk NE

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** sio.midco.net, tlkramer52  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 3:24 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I believe that the proposed new rules regarding aquatic invasive species would cause a minimal inconvenience for fisherman and would help protect South Dakota waters that do not contain aquatic invasive species from being contaminated.

Terence L. Kramer  
Sioux Falls SD

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**From:** Jeff Eidenshink <eidenshink@sio.midco.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:14 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota \_comment

I have a recreation home a quarter mile from the boat ramp at Joe Creek on Lake Sharpe. I generally only fish Lake Sharpe. I always leave my boat at the cabin, never trailer it back to my home in Sioux Falls. Would I be expected to pull the plug on my boat just to return to the cabin. Also, I clean my fish at the cabin, so would I have to drain my live well too?

I understand the need to prevent the spread of invasive species. I have seen what can happen when you don't. But the term "leaving a body of water" is really too nebulous in my case. It could imply "every time you leave the water" and in my case, and I sure others, I am not truly leaving body of water if my intention is to continue to fish on Lake Sharpe. And I have a feeling that many people will put their boat in, next time, without the plug. That would be a big problem too.

Jeff Eidenshink

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**Subject:** FW: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) comments

**From:** Long, Joe J (US SSA) [mailto:Joe.Long@baesystems.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:17 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Cc:** Joe Long

**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) comments

**When one utilizes the link at the bottom of that e-mail to view the rules "In their entirety" at the GF&P website it reads:**

One rule proposal would allow conservation officers to require the removal of vegetation and all aquatic invasive species from a boat and trailer, and to require all drain plugs and related devices be opened or removed from boats when being transported. Exceptions would be for entering and exiting the water, emergency response vehicles, and livewells while on lands owned, leased, controlled or managed by the Department or other government entities adjacent to the water.

Another part of the proposal would give the Department Secretary the authority to declare a body of water an aquatic invasive species containment water, describe the conditions that would necessitate this action and outline restrictions in place for that water to reduce or slow the spread of aquatic invasive species. Anglers would be allowed up to 5 gallons of vegetation-free water, in a container outside of the boat, to transport bait or fish away from the water in non-designated aquatic invasive species containment waters.

There are some differences in the e-mail VS what's written on the GF&P website. Namely:

1. The e-mail requires that all drain plugs must be removed from livewells and the boat hull. The website says that a CO could require you to do that AND have you remove vegetation & aquatic invasive species from the boat & boat trailer. Those differences could lead to mix-ups. One guy thinks he doesn't have to do them and another says the CO made me remove them. Just make both of them the rule. That way everyone is treated equally and the same, and it gets them in the habit of doing it (good practice). It also takes the game warden out of equation of having to make that call or not. For instance, what if the CO looked at my boat upon exiting the water and said it was ok, then I get stopped later at a game check, and they find some vegetation. Is that my fault or the 1<sup>st</sup> CO's fault? If you decide to mandate that it be vegetation free, include details that describe that so that everyone is on the "same page". Do I simply remove pieces of vegetation that's hanging from the trailer and animal life that has attached to the boat hull/trailer upon exiting the water (clarify how far from the boat ramp) OR does it mean I have to power wash it off before entering the water? (MT has some good wording that you could borrow!)
2. The e-mail includes specific requirements & limitations for transporting fish, including a requirement that if they are being transported in water, they must be in a separate container from the live well, and the container cannot be more than 5 gal., and if they are being transported from AIS waters (and it defines those=good), they cannot be in any water. The website also states the 5 gal max. container size but adds that the water must be "vegetation-free water" and more importantly, the container must be outside of the boat. It neglects to include the requirement that fish cannot be transported in water from AIS waters. I think that if the rule was reworded to require that if fish are being transported in water, the water must be "fresh water" (cannot be filled from the body of water or livewell). That would eliminate the need to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> rule that applies to transporting fish from AIS waters and would allow someone to drain their livewell and just leave the fish in there (including pouring some ice over them). Remove the requirement that the container be 5 gal max. and outside of the boat. If the fish are in a container of fresh water, what difference does it make what the size of the container is or if it's in the boat or vehicle?

Joe Long, Aberdeen, SD, 216-4618

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**From:** Dennis Somers <sfpetdoc@sio.midco.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Rule changes

Dear Sirs:

I have read the basic information on the rules, and believe that they are reasonable and should be adopted.

Dennis R. Somers  
3109 S. Dawley Cir  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

605-366-7248

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**From:** Schnetzer, Michael NWO <Michael.D.Schnetzer@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:51 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** New proposed rules for fishing

I live about 2 miles from the Missouri River above Gavins Point, I do a lot of cat fishing around the Springfield, SD area in the summer time and in the past I would carry the fish home in the live well with water, once home, I'd pull the drain plug and throw in a garden hose to clean/flush out the live well. I do not fully agree with the proposed rule do to the fact that the zebra mussels (which I have heard one was found on Lewis and Clark lake marina this past fall) can live in a humid area (which I'm sure a live well stays humid for a few days) even in the absents of water for an extended period of time. I think that if a person wants to take fish home in a live well containing lake water, it would be fair to ask that they mix up a batch of bleach and pour it in the live well and flush once they have reach home, removed fish and drained their live well. Just a thought

Thanks,  
Mike Schnetzer, Hydropower Mechanic  
USACE, Gavins Point Project  
P.O. Box 710, Yankton, SD 57078  
(402) 667-2533

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**From:** Richard Sweetman <rcsweetman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:17 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** IAS rules

I strongly support the proposed rules.

Richard C. Sweetman  
Sioux Falls SD 57108

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**From:** Kermit Born <KDBorn@nvc.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:09 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Cc:** Novstrup Al  
**Subject:** invasive species water issues

A good start, but not enough.....it is time to put some issues/control on boats coming into SD from other states that have invasive species issues..... We see boat after boat from MN, IA and ND on all of our lakes.....you only need to drive by a motel in the NE part of the state to understand the issue of incoming boats.....if we are to control invasive species, they will most likely come from out of state.....that is no doubt the bigger problem.....If we have invasive species in Lewis and Clark and Angastora, one can only assume they came from out of state.

Time to make a bold move!

Kermit Born  
1124 Birchwood Ln  
Aberdeen, SD

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**Subject:** FW: new rules in response to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) concerns

**From:** HEIDBRINKBW TEAMTSP.COM

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:25 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** new rules in response to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) concerns

I am writing to respond to the proposed new rules regarding AIS concerns.

I am in favor of putting rules in place to limit the spread of invasive species. However, in my opinion it would be better to write the rules to require draining live wells and drain plugs "before" launching a boat rather than when leaving a body of water. Several people transport their bait in partially filled live wells if they are not having luck on one lake and move to another. Also, many lakes do not have fish cleaning facilities and many fisherman transport their catch in live wells until they get home, or to another boat launch or campground that does have fish cleaning stations. The rules could be written to require draining live wells and drain plugs in a location that will not drain into the body of water before launching.

The rule to allow transporting fish or bait in a container no larger than 5 gallons is not much different than letting them use the live well to transport since they would fill the container with contaminated lake water anyway.

Brian Heidbrink  
Brandon, SD

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**Subject:** FW: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) concerns

**From:** Paul Wermerson [<mailto:paul.w@eaglepowerservices.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:31 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) concerns

Paul Wermerson  
Sioux Falls

To whom it may concern, I agree with all the idea's except for the live well issue. Sometimes, and not always, I leave my bait in a live well and drive to my camp site. There I plug in an aerator keep my bait alive. I do not dump that water until back in the same water the next day.

Could we have an exemption from that proposal.

thanks

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**From:** Griebie <jsgriebie@embarqmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 1:09 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS comments

It is my feeling that no water from one lake be transported off of GFP controlled land. It could contaminate other bodies of water,so # 2 should be as restrictive as #3. Joe Griebie, Brownton, Mn.

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Joe Carmody [<mailto:JGCarmody@eidebailly.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:58 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I support your efforts to contain AI species. Your proposal is reasonable. Thank you.

**Joe Carmody, CPA**

**Partner**

Eide Bailly LLP

200 East 10th Street \* Suite 500

PO Box 5125

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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**From:** Clyde Millie <clmillie@cableone.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 12:32 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** drain plugs

Most fisher men leave fish in the livewell till they get to the cleaning station then drain there livewells. As far as the boat its self I haven't had the plug out of mine in 8 years. It don't leak there is no reason to take it out. I think the livewell drain is a good thing. On the big walleye & salmon boats the seepage in the boat isn't that necessary to drain.

Clyde Millie  
Sioux City Ia.

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**From:** Tom <glesenert@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 1:08 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** New rules regarding invasive species in SD

I see no issues regarding the proposed new rules. Similar to MN and if it will help to reduce the spread of invasive species, I am all for it.

Tom Glesener  
Apple Valley, MN.

Sent from my iPad

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**Subject:** FW: proposed rules

**From:** Jerry Miller [<mailto:winks@brookings.net>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:38 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** proposed rules

All good except those of us who fish in the same spot for several days but camp or stay off property adjoining GFP launching spot. I empty live wells every night but don't pull plug till I am done fishing for that weekend.

Jerry Miller  
Winks Fine Jewelry  
322 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brookings, SD 57006

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**From:** Paul Oster <paul-oster@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:28 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) concerns

To whom it may concern:

I am in favour of the proposed AIS regulations. In my opinion they do not go far enough! Non-resident anglers need to be scrutinized when applying for a fishing license. Especially those coming from Minnesota, as many Minnesota lakes are infested with various ANS threats. Also stiff FINES, not warnings need to be implemented immediately. Nothing will spread the word on AIS faster than a hit to an offender's pocketbook.

Thank You.

Paul J. Oster  
Ipswich, SD

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**From:** Mike Holtzen <mholtze1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:35 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Email

I agree with the proposed new rules of transporting fish or live bait from Lake to lake. How would Pease Creek be handled? Would we be able to transport fish in the livewell from the boat ramp to the fish cleaning station and then empty our livewell's? Since the two places are not connected on State property. Thanks for including me for input on this important matter.

Michael Holtzen  
Yutan Nebraska

[michaelholtzen@windstream.net](mailto:michaelholtzen@windstream.net)

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Steve Shadle [mailto:[sshadle27@cableone.net](mailto:sshadle27@cableone.net)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 5:13 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

The only concern I would have is being able to transport fish in the live-well to the campground or fish cleaning station. Most of the places I fish in South Dakota this would not be a problem.

Fighting this battle will be difficult due to the number of fishermen coming from other states.

I know our local lakes have some AIS.

I work hard to bring a clean boat onto any body of water I fish. I don't think many fishermen share that important idea.

Steve Shadle

South Sioux City Nebraska

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Diane Hansen [<mailto:ddhansen@siouxvalley.net>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 8:17 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I would like to know the reason for the 5 gallons of water to transport harvested fish or bait. I know you need water to keep fish and minnows alive but do both need to be in the same 5 gallons? I assume that 5 gallons was a convenient number with a 5 gallon pail.

I support the proposed new rules.

David Hansen Dell Rapids, SD

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Ed Slocum [<mailto:edaslocum@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 7:11 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

These are all great rules! Those darn Asian Carp and stuff MUST be brought under control or we stand to loose the good fish!!!! Edward Slocum, PO Box 297, Eagle Butte, SD 57625

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Greg & Donna Hepper [<mailto:gdhepper1@hur.midco.net>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:58 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

My foremost concern is this; several lakes have no fish cleaning station, so historically we've just made sure the live well water was fresh when we left the lake & cleaned the fish when we got home- draining the live well on the lawn. Further, there are people living in Huron now who like rough fish but your new policy would prevent such utilization of carp, skipjack, & drum in the future/ meaning more of those species will remain in the lake(s).

Thanks for considering remedies to the issues I just presented.

Greg Hepper, Huron, SD

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** Joe Montgomery [<mailto:woodtickranch@yahoo.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:21 PM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

One problem with the draining of live wells and pulling the plug is you are still missing out on the water in the hose that pumps water from the back of the boat the live well.

In an average boat this is a 1" line and about 12' long holding enough water to hold a thousand vigers or baby spiny water fleas and the baby zebra mussels.

So doing the rest is just a feel good juster

Sent from Morcon Construction iPad  
Joe Montgomery, St. Paul, MN

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** joe vollink [mailto:[joe\\_vollink@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_vollink@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:44 AM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

Pry the dumbest law the dnr has ever come up with. You can't tell me that zebra mussel s and other aquatic bugs get transported by boats with screened water in there livewells. Turtles, ducks, and other aquatic animals should be your main concern instead of finding another reason to give anglers a ticket. I think it's time for someone with common sense to make the laws is anglers should follow. I hope you take this letter to heart.

Sincerely,

Joe Vollink

3010 Jay Ave

Boyden, IA 51234

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** jim boyd [[mailto:swineboy1\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:swineboy1_98@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:48 AM

**To:** SDGFPIINFO

**Subject:** Re: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I support and appreciate these new rules on evasive species. However, I would like to comment on something that has been bothering me for some time. I have been coming primarily to Whetstone Bay for approximately forty years and have appreciated the peace and freedom the area had to offer.

Camping in the non-electrical sites was free. We came about every other weekend because we loved it so much. Now, however, there is a camping fee even if you are just fishing over night. The non-resident licenses (2), plus a 100 gallons of gas, plus \$30 entry fee and now a \$14 a night camping fee for no services is just too much. In years gone by the camping area was packed with people. Now there is no one, only a few in the electrical sites.

It seems to me if the State wanted more revenue it would go back to free camping to encourage tourism. i do not like the feeling of "Big Brother" watching.

Thank you for reading this message.

Jim Boyd  
20 Laura Dr.  
Le Mars, IA 51031

[swineboy1\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:swineboy1_98@yahoo.com)

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**From:** Phyllis, McDonald <jtjranch@bbc.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 8:05 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** aquatic invasive species

I believe that these new rules are a step in the right direction.

The inconsideration of a few mandates changes for all .

A couple things that may help the spread of unwanted species would be to install high pressure washers for the undercarriage of the boat, trailer, and tow vehicle. I understand that this water must be screened before it can be returned to the lake; therefore this option may be cost prohibitive without some means to generate the funding for equipment and staff. The second is to provide staff to inspect each water craft as it exits the containment area. These people will have the authority to issue citations for a relatively high fine, with this money being earmarked specifically for the washer idea.

Thank you for the e-mail.

Sincerely,

Roy D. Jesse  
P.O. Box 505  
Hemingford, NE 69348  
(308)760-4216

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**From:** midnightrider196465 <midnightrider196465@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 8:10 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS proposals

I can only say what's taking so long. We need to do this now if not sooner to protect our fisheries and keep them healthy. I always drain, do a visual and pull any debris from motors and trailer, when I get back home my equipment gets washed.

On another subject, something that many anglers and myself would like to see is a closed season during spawn, similar to Minnesota. There are a lot of walleyes filled with eggs taken. It's bad enough if it's residents but now we have multiplied with surrounding states coming in to fish (because their season is closed) and taking fish filled with eggs. I'm not a conservation officer or a fishery biologist but I would have to think that this is really hurting our fisheries of tremendous fishing.

Sincerely, Jim Erb  
1302 US Hwy 14 #201  
Volga, SD 57071  
605 651 3159

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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**From:** keith lindsey <springer75@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 8:24 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Suggestin for AIS Rule Changes

*Provide at the boat landing a way for anglers to hose their live well and bottom of boats off before they leave the boat dock. If there were a hose there anglers would clean their live wells, trailers and bottom of boats before leaving. This would minimize the AIS transport especially for out of state anglers.*

*All out of state anglers should have to hose their live wells, trailers and bottom of boats before launching in any SD water.*

Keith Lindsey  
29033 201<sup>st</sup> Street  
Pierre, SD 57501  
605 222 7119

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**Subject:** FW: new regulations of transporting fish

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**From:** Bob Weisenberg [<mailto:bob.weisenberg.b6os@statefarm.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 1:04 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** new regulations of transporting fish

It will no doubt be inconvenient but if that is what it takes to keep our fisheries then we should abide by your rules. I'll still pay my out of state fee to come fishing a couple of days a year.

**Bob Weisenberg**  
**State Farm Insurance**

Email : [bob@bobweisenberg.com](mailto:bob@bobweisenberg.com)

Address 104 N Main St. Hooper, NE 68031

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**From:** Bill Bosch <wbosch@spe.midco.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 4:39 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed rules to combat invasive species

I support the proposed new rules for draining boats.  
William W. Bosch  
Spearfish, SD 57783

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**From:** Jim and Linda <lambertz@itctel.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 9:47 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Comment on rules proposal

Jim Lambertz  
Brookings SD

The proposed rules seem like a reasonable request to a potentially serious problem.

I see fisher persons will have a difficult time dealing with live well fish. How do they know that they don't have more than 5 gallons. Does 5 gallons in the bottom of my live well even cover fish? This needs to be in front of boat manufactures help implement. My now 5 gallon pail is not secure. Please consider lifting dangers handling the pail. Then what happens to safely secure the pail for traveling.

Draining the boat wouldn't necessarily be a problem. I do however suggest that just pulling the plug doesn't get all the water out of a boat. Even my 14 foot open aluminum boat will have trapped water.

Thank you for allowing my comments to make this a better law.

Jim

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**From:** Gregg Beckman <gsbeckman@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 07, 2015 9:59 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS rules

Greetings,

Here in Minnesota we've also incorporated AIS rules for fishing. I would urge you to consider reciprocity between states on this licensure, so that MN boaters fishing in South Dakota that already have a MN AIS registration would be accepted under South Dakota statues.

Thanks much for considering.  
Gregg Beckman  
Buffalo, MN

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**From:** Lorne Harms <lharms.lh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 07, 2015 12:20 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** The changed ruled for fishing and boaters

To me I think yeah sound like good rules to me. They don't seem to hard to follow and doesn't sound like that much of a hassle. Good luck and I hope it passes.

Lorne Harms  
Watertown, Sd

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**From:** Larry Russell <larry.russell@midstatesd.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 07, 2015 12:33 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species Comments

1. I am in favor of being proactive on this matter, and generally support your goal and proposals.
2. An apparent shortcoming in the proposed regulations seems to be the lack of measures to prevent people from boating in already infiltrated waters and then, perhaps only ten minutes later, relaunching their boat above the dam. Even if the livewell and boat have been drained, if drying time since leaving the infiltrated water hasn't been sufficiently long, it is my understanding that invasive species could under such circumstances be introduced above the dam. Has this possibility been considered?
3. Whatever you do with regulations, ultimate success will be dependent upon acceptance by fishermen and all boaters that the restrictions are necessary and worth the inconvenience. My point is that I hope and trust you will provide convincing educational material to explain the threat and its potential disruptive impact on the aqua ecology. Unless such educational efforts are made, I fear the goal will not be achieved.

Larry Russell  
802 S. River St.  
Chamberlain, SD 57325

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** bazin@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 12:08 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Invasive species laws

I applaud your efforts but I think that the eggs of the Zebra Mussel are transported in the carpet of the boat trailers. With the boat on.....I can't help but think the carpet stays wet for days and then when the boat is moved to another body of water the eggs are transferred.....but that is just my guess.

Keep up the good work with your wildlife and fisheries. Love South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Joe Bazin/Topeka, KS

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**From:** Chris <cjmayer@rap.midco.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 12:09 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Transporting Fish in lake water

To whom it may concern;

How about including in these new rules an exception to the rules, **(the Exception Being)** allow anglers to bring their own (potable) water from their homes or city water, or water that is provided by fish cleaning stations to transport their fish. Another thing to consider is: Prohibit the use of lake water in live wells and bait buckets **period.**

Sincerely;

Chris Mayer  
943 Kary Lane  
Rapid City, SD 57701

605-390-6122

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**From:** solomon kleinsasser <sbk504@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2015 4:37 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed rules on Aquatic Invasive Species

I understand and appreciate the importance of keeping our lakes and rivers clean, and clear of any invasive species. they are one of the most precious resources we have.

I believe most fishermen if not all agree with me on that. myself along with my fishing buddies take great care in not spreading any invasive species, such as; like the proposed rules, and pressure washing our boats and trailers after a time out on the water. I've seen some go as far as not to switch bodies of water in one day to ensure everything is dried and any possible invasive species dried and died. having said that, I feel the regulations proposed are overreaching and intrusive. and will result in hard feeling and animosity towards GF&P officers. time on the water is to be enjoyable and relaxing, the last thing we need is an officer approaching boats and asking tons of interrogative questions to where boaters feel intimidated and threatened.

the amounts of water harvested fish or Bait is transported in is already well below five gallons. there again, I feel like the proposed regulation will lead to harassment and intimidation for many boaters. and result in hatred and disrespect directed at GF&P officers. as a result fines and more ill will may result out of this.

I believe it would be beneficial for those boaters that aren't as careful as we'd like them to be, to post obvious and clearly visible instructions at every boat ramp and cleaning station, along with some info expressing the vital importance of following these important precautionary measures.

Sincerely, Solomon Kleinsasser  
Crooks SD 57020

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposals

**From:** [psaufenkamp1@mmm.com](mailto:psaufenkamp1@mmm.com) [mailto:[psaufenkamp1@mmm.com](mailto:psaufenkamp1@mmm.com)]

**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:21 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Proposals

My input on proposed changes are as noted below.

**1. Drain all livewells and remove all plugs from boats when leaving a body of water.** *Anglers would be required to remove all drain plugs when leaving waters or properties managed by GFP or other government agencies.*

*I do NOT support this proposal.*

**2. Require those who transport harvested fish or bait (in water) to use no more than 5 gallons of water in a container to do so.** *Anglers could transport harvested fish in a livewell on property managed by GFP or other government agencies. However, they would be required to drain their livewells before leaving the property. Anglers who take bait or fish from the property where their boat was launched would be allowed to do so in a container holding no more than 5 gallons of water; except when leaving AIS containment water bodies (Angostura Reservoir, Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam).*

*I do NOT support this proposal, this amount of water is not sufficient at all times of the year.*

**3. Prohibit anglers and boaters on Angostura Reservoir, Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam from transporting harvested fish or bait (in water) away from the water body or the property.** *Anglers could transport harvested fish in a livewell on property managed by GFP or other government agencies. However, they would be required to drain their livewells before leaving the property. When leaving AIS containment water bodies (Angostura Reservoir, Lewis and Clark Lake and the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam), anglers would not be allowed to transport bait or fish in a container holding water away from the property.*

I have not opinion on this proposal.

Regards,

Paul Aufenkamp

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This communication is intended only for the addressee(s) referred to above.

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**From:** Delia Culp <walleyecatcheers@nvc.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:39 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info

Most of the SD anglers leave there fish in the live well for transportation and to keep them alive and drain them when they get home!! Where do you people come up with these ideas do you lay awake at nights just thinking this up??? Dum idea !!!;

John Culp 11125 409th Ave Claremont SD 57432

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

**From:** [gjyonkovich1@mmm.com](mailto:gjyonkovich1@mmm.com) [mailto:[gjyonkovich1@mmm.com](mailto:gjyonkovich1@mmm.com)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 08, 2015 7:44 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Fw: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

I wasn't able to find the full rules on the websites listed below, so my response is based on the attached e-mail.

I don't agree with any of the proposals.

- Keeping bait alive travelling to/from the water is difficult during summer months and limiting containers to 5 gallons is insufficient. Bait kept in boat live wells holding more than 5 gallons of water is the only reasonable and effective method for keeping bait alive, particularly when travelling great distances.

- Transporting fish away from public waters in drained live wells is equally ridiculous. Is the GF&P commission assuming everyone cleans their fish at the boat landings? I have a trailer/cabin at Akaska, SD and regularly transport fish in my boat live well back to Akaska from Pollack, Mobridge, Pierre as well as nearby boat ramps. It's an effective way of keeping the fish cool and alive all the way to my own personal cleaning station. I can't imagine hauling fish in a dry, empty live well on a hot summer day. If I have the fish on ice, am I limited to 5 gallons of ice? Can ice be placed in the live wells, or does that count as water?

-Finally, I suggest publishing the full proposed rule changes in your e-mail notices, versus directing folks to other websites.

Gregg Yonkovich  
Aberdeen, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: New rules response

**From:** [kjchristianson@mmm.com](mailto:kjchristianson@mmm.com) [mailto:[kjchristianson@mmm.com](mailto:kjchristianson@mmm.com)]

**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 8:47 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** New rules response

I dislike the first two proposals. My boat does not have plugs, It has switches for both the live wells and the main drain plug. So if you go forward with #1 you should change that wording. I also often leave fish in my live well because some of the areas I fish do not have cleaning facilities. East Whitlocks, Dodge draw and Sutton bay are area I typically launch my boat. . So I transport my fish to Whitlocks ( Bobs, or South or West) where I clean my fish. I would like this changed to allow me to transport my fish in the live well until I clean them. Either that or put much needed cleaning facilities in at areas that don't have them..

Keith Christianson  
Volga, S.D.

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:**

**FW:**

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**From:** [arjio@frontiernet.net](mailto:arjio@frontiernet.net) [<mailto:arjio@frontiernet.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2015 12:46 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:**

I will support any new laws to help keep A.I.S. from spreading on any waters I fish, but be practical. Thank you. Arland Johnson 103 st St Tamov,NE 68642 Phone-(402) 246-2111 [e-mail-arjio@frontiernet.net](mailto:arjio@frontiernet.net)

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**From:** Pete Laurila <petelaurila@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

Regarding the recently proposed new rules in response to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) concerns, I'm in favor of these changes 100%. For those of us that do any fishing in Minnesota, we're already used to these rules and they're not hard to follow.

Kevin Laurila  
Sioux Falls

**Ascher, Debra**

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**From:** Jon Heck <jheck.goldeng@midconetwork.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:41 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** new rules in response to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

I support these proposed rule changes.

Jon Heck  
Sioux Falls, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: AIS

-----Original Message-----

From: John Scott [mailto:[john@absolutepaintingllc.com](mailto:john@absolutepaintingllc.com)]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:33 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: AIS

What is the rationale behind allowing bait/harvested fish to be transported with 5 gallons of water? Doesn't that defeat the purpose? I understand if the destination is the cleaning table, but what about those who intend on fishing another body immediately thereafter?

Being from MN, a state where the DNR has gone to great lengths to regulate/legislate the eradication of AIS; my point is that appeasing those who are going to be upset by the changes by allowing the transport of water ultimately achieves nothing.

A courteous fisherman always drains his boat and removes weeds from the trailer, etc. The more people that can be persuaded that this is the proper thing to do, the better the outcome. Essentially, I believe this will ultimately achieve the same goal. AIS will not be stopped by regulating water transport, nor will it be by doing the right thing when we leave the launch. However, regulating water transport comes at an enforcement cost whereas education has only a campaign cost. I imagine a campaign would be launched in either scenario.

Admittedly, this opinion is offered with no scientific backing, but we have the same laws in MN and yet, AIS continues to spread annually. The suggestion is not that regulation has a zero impact, but that informing people who enjoy the outdoors they're unknowingly destroying the habits they love achieves the same goal via persuasion rather than at the end of the punitive spear.

The bottom line, to me, is that peer pressure is a powerful force. This will slow the spread just as effectively as legislation, and at a significantly less cost to the state. Call me an idealist, but as I said, we have the MN DNR breathing down our necks constantly, spending mountains of money annually, and people continue to transport water, and AIS continue to spread.

Sincerely,

John Scott  
Absolute Painting & Finishing, LLC  
Rosemount, MN 55068

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**From:** Jerry Dalen <jerldal@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:17 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species

GFP,

Being from Iowa which has already implemented these same regulations, I'm ok with it. It takes more effort to remember to drain the livewell's out and to have a cooler or pail along to put your fish in once off the water and before leaving the property. I agree that all parties involvement will help contain the spread of these invasive species.

Thanks for the heads up on this issue.

Regards,  
Jerry Dalen  
Estherville, IA

Sent from Windows Mail

**Ascher, Debra**

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**From:** steve hatt <sddartman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:42 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive species

I think it is a good idea to have everyone drain their live wells before they leave the lake. Instead of making 2 or 3 different rules for different lakes it will be easier for everyone if you just made it the same statewide especially because like you said it's something new for SD. I fish in Minnesota regularly and drain mine all the time no matter where I'm at so it's not as big of a deal for me but it will be for others. Just make it easy and have 1 regulation that applies statewide.

Steve Hatt  
5913 W. 46th St.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: new rules

-----Original Message-----

From: [straycatgracie2@cox.net](mailto:straycatgracie2@cox.net) [mailto:[straycatgracie2@cox.net](mailto:straycatgracie2@cox.net)]

Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:01 AM

To: GFP Wild Info

Subject: new rules

doesn't rule two violate rule one?also you need to in stall more cleaning places so we don't have to transport fish so far just to clean them ,I like to keep mind in my live well to keep them alive till I clean them.

felix recek 402 670-8485 Omaha Nebraska

note ask Kansas what can be done to stop zebra mussels (nothing)!!!!

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: New Rules for AIS Concerns

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Robert Fox [<mailto:foxqh@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:04 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** New Rules for AIS Concerns

I applaud the new rules! Nice work you guys!

Robert Fox  
Madison, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: proposed new rules regarding AIS

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Thomas McClintick [mailto:[tomcc7@cox.net](mailto:tomcc7@cox.net)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 11:11 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** proposed new rules regarding AIS

To Whom it may concern,

Let me start out by saying, that I applaud your efforts in attempting to take a measured, common sense approach to this aquatic invasive species issue.

I have seen too many states take a 'knee jerk' approach and waste tax payers money in many fruitless endeavors, including state run boat washes at ramps and 100% boat inspections, which may lead to legal cases.

I have seen one method that may help in the education of anglers about this serious issue and that was a free aquatic invasive species awareness certification that was required when my son was doing bass tournament fishing in Utah (not sure who sponsored this program).

It may be worthwhile to think about requiring similar certification such as this as a qualification to purchasing a fishing license.

Hoping, of course, that education about the problem could lead to better self enforcement in curbing this issue.

Thank you,

Thomas McClintick  
514 Americas Way #4100  
Box Elder, SD 57719

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**From:** Adam DeHaan <hutchieman10@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:57 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species

The proposed regulations seem reasonable and prudent. However, I am quite positive they don't go far enough. Our civil liberties prohibit the type of measures needed to get in front of this issue. Like restricting watercraft to inside of their registered county and prohibiting out of state watercraft. That might slow invasive aquatics.

Overstatements aside, it is no coincidence that South Dakota impacted waters are enormously popular with recreational boaters.

As a Minnesota resident I can pass on to my native state of South Dakota that fisherman have complied very well to similar regulations here in the land of 10,000 lakes. Work hard to get early buy-in and use them as advocates at every turn.

Conversely, recreational boaters and personal watercraft owners have been uncooperative and belligerent not caring about spreading invasive species from lake to lake. They only seem to understand fines.

Strike early, often, and hard, not only on recreational boaters, but all violators.

Sincerely,

Adam DeHaan  
Lakeville, MN

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

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**From:** Gregg Hedtke [mailto:ghedtke@izoom.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:17 AM

**To:** SDGFPINFO

**Subject:** RE: Proposed New Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species in South Dakota

Basically the same rules as we have in Minnesota. I do not agree with the rules in MN, so I find yours just as disagreeable. I guess I believe most everyone is good and tries to do their best to preserve our natural resources. If you believe most people are crooks and cheaters maybe your proposed path is what you must do. Probably will hurt the amount of fishing, but that too might be something you are after.

I for one, like to leave what fish I harvest alive in my livewell, until I get home or a place that I can clean them while fresh, I dispose of the entrails properly and then get them on ice. When the fish are removed from the livewell, I dump the water. (I am not keeping many fish anymore, due to this rule in MN) My bilge has an automatic drain to be sure nothing is left and I do check my trailer carefully. I would never consider heading to another lake and reusing the livewell. If you offer a place where fish can be cleaned and then put on ice that would be reasonable and acceptable. It doesn't need to be at the landing but in close proximity. Fish that are dead for any length of time before cleaning are nowhere near as tasty to eat. I have no experience with putting live fish on ice other than in the oceans. If that needs to be done in SD, it would take a fair amount of ice to actually cool whole fish down versus the fillets. I don't know if this alters the taste or not. Live minnows for bait, if used, can stay in an insulated, aerated bucket for quite a while. Changing the water is not a problem if you have access to well water. With city water you don't know if they will survive or not. Have gravitated to artificial, worms/night crawlers or leeches for this very reason.

Gregg Hedtke  
Becker, MN 55308

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed AIS Rules

**From:** Tom Brady [<mailto:tbrady@spearfishlaw.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:59 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Proposed AIS Rules

These proposed rules are reasonable, easy to comply with and necessary.

*Thomas E. Brady*  
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[tbrady@spearfishlaw.com](mailto:tbrady@spearfishlaw.com)

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**From:** Breske, Michael J <MBRESKE@amfam.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:01 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** live well

I fish primarily in the NE lake region. I own a Cabin on Enemy Swim lake. While I admit to being a sport fisherman. (catch and release), I watch other boats on the lakes there rarely drain a live well leaving a body of water. The ramps at Enemy Swim, Waubay, (Grenville), Pickerel and Bitter are full of boats from any part of the US you want to think about. I do not believe I have ever seen a live well emptied.

This regulation is an excellent idea and will help keep the unwanted species of water critters from spreading. However getting any one to actually comply with it will be a big effort. Perhaps just signage in the area will do for the ones that care. But there does exist the segment of the population that the rules do not really apply to me mentality. Perhaps a significant fine would get their attention.

Any way those are my thoughts.

**Mick Breske**  
**823 Lewis**  
**Vermillion SD**  
**(born and raised on the West Shore of Waubay Lake).**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed AIS Rules

**From:** J C Moore [<mailto:jcmooorepe4@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:07 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Proposed AIS Rules

I agree with the proposed rules, and I'm glad to see them. Colorado has much stricter rules, and they enforce them with inspectors at each lake; this program seems to be working very well. I can certainly live with your rules, and will comply with them when I visit South Dakota reservoirs.

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"J. C." Moore  
905 Taylor Lane  
Erie, CO 80516-2412

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:**

FW: RE:Proposed Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species.

**From:** Tim Roberts [mailto:timrbrts08@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:06 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** RE:Proposed Rules Regarding Aquatic Invasive Species.

To Whom It May Concern: While the goal of limiting the spread of AIS is laudable it, in my opinion is too little too late. This issue is 40 years too late, should have been addressed by not letting the ships come up the St Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes and then dumping their bilge.

I am from Spirit Lake, IA, in the heart of the Iowa Great Lakes and in spite of similar efforts here, we now have zebra mussels in the system. I fish here, in Minnesota and South Dakota. When I come home from an infested lake, I clean the weeds from the trailer, motors etc. I fill the livewells and bilge with water and pour some bleach in them, and I flush the engines. This effort, while making me feel that I have done my part, is not done by the majority of boaters. I also don't think that fisherman are the primary culprits in spreading AIS. I didn't find it a big hassle to change my routine when the DNR implemented similar regulations in Iowa that you are contemplating. However, please don't go completely nuts and implement regs like Minnesota did, regarding trailers!!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tim Roberts  
3015 Center Lake Dr  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
SDSU Class of 1971, BS, Biology

**Ascher, Debra**

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**To:** Pretzer, Scott  
**Subject:** FW: AIS concerns

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**From:** Pretzer, Scott  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 10:00 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS concerns

I fish exclusively on Lake Oahe / Lake Sharpe and don't agree removing my plug will prevent the transfer of AIS. If I traveled to other water, my opinion would change.

I haven't removed my boat drain plug in years and to do this every time leaving the water will undoubtedly lead to a disaster when the plug loosens itself due to use or is forgotten!

Pierre, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**From:** Miller, LouAnn  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:58 AM  
**To:** Kiel, Emily  
**Subject:** FW: invasive species law.

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**From:** Wayne Kerian [<mailto:Wayne@kerianwaterstore.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 05, 2015 9:49 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** invasive species law.

We will do whatever you require to keep this problem at bay. This is a MN rule so we are well trained and do this already, no matter where we are fishing. Thanks

Wayne Kerian  
Cresco, Iowa

South Dakota GF&P Commission  
523 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, S.D. 57501

February 12, 2015

Re: AIS Regulations

Dear Commissioners,

In response to your recent call for comments on the proposed new rules addressing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), the Pickerel Lake Conservancy is pleased the Commission is taking steps to contain AIS. Our mission is to preserve and protect the ecosystems in the Pickerel Lake watershed. We support your proposals that call for draining livewells, removing all plugs, and prohibiting transports from contaminated waters.

In addition, we would support the following steps as further safeguards to decrease the risk of spreading AIS, especially via watercraft from out of state visitors:

- 1) Keep drain plugs out and all water-draining devices open when transporting watercraft. Replace drain plugs upon entering water access site.
- 2) Drain water-related equipment including boat, motor, and portable bait containers; and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing the drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property.
- 3) Dispose of unwanted bait (minnows, leeches, worms etc) in the trash. Prohibit the release of live bait into a body of water. (Likely in current rules)
- 4) Clean off all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other invasive species from watercraft and related equipment before leaving any water access.
- 5) Prohibit transport of aquatic plants, zebra mussels or other invasive species on roadways.
- 6) Commercial fishing equipment including nets, traps, lines etc used in AIS designated waters may not be used in other waters.

While draining watercraft and equipment when leaving a body of water is necessary, it is insufficient to address the concern of watercraft entering access sites with drain plugs in place, especially if coming from unknown waters or out of state.

While tempting to believe these enhanced rules alone will protect South Dakota waters from AIS, combined they will limit the environmental and economic impact until other solutions are developed.

Sincerely,

Gene Burrish, President  
Pickerel Lake Conservancy  
1120 E Plum Creek Rd  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
605-941-4193

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Proposed rules for Angostura

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**From:** [rmadams@midco.net](mailto:rmadams@midco.net) [mailto:[rmadams@midco.net](mailto:rmadams@midco.net)]

**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 1:17 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Cc:** Ken Edel; Bill Blickensderfer; Fred Krush

**Subject:** Proposed rules for Angostura

Hello, my name is Randy Adams. I live at 1910 Galaxy Drive in Rapid City, SD and I would like to comment on the proposed rules to deal with aquatic invasive species.

My self and most of the anglers that I know that fish Angostura transport live bait from our homes to the lake and back.

Live bait these days is either expensive or a lot of work to come up with.

I would not like to take 4 to 6 dozen minnows to the lake and have to throw half or more away at the end of the day.

Is there any way a angler can bring his own water to transport his bait back home?

Thank you

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Aquatic invasive species

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**From:** tom gwen yseth [<mailto:tgseth@swiftel.net>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 8:28 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Aquatic invasive species

Commission,

Saw no problem with the rules. We go to Minnesota once a year for a week's family reunion. As you know they are very strict, we have been inspected at boat ramps and have been inspected by the Sheriff when he pulls you over for (maybe speeding).

We also go to the reservoir outside Fort Collins and there you have to have an inspection tag wired to your boat or go through a special inspection. When leaving you the ramp you open your plugs, get inspected and then they wire another inspection tag. Of course this is a high use area, a little different than SD.

Needless to say the regulations outlined are appropriate.

Tom Yseth, Brookings

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: new regs for AIS

**From:** [umphunt1@cox.net](mailto:umphunt1@cox.net) [<mailto:umphunt1@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 7:46 PM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: new regs for AIS

Richard Palko  
Omaha nebraska

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**From:** Richard Palko [<mailto:umphunt1@cox.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:20 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** new regs for AIS

I agree with the necessity of the new regulations to attempt to prevent invasion of unwanted species. However, how will you enforce these regulations? Example of West Whitlock area; those living/staying at West Whitlock Resort would travel outside the managed area just to return to their probably temporary abode. If the problem of AIS has been created by unknowing/unintentional contamination, what happens when these sportsmen forget and return their boats to their home at a different location? How can you enforce these regulations without an enforcement officer standing at the ramp? Hopefully most will comply, but it only takes one to create a problem. Especially when even now the regulations are ignored that do not allow bait fish to be released in waters other than the same waters where they were captured. It all seems innocent, but again, it only takes once.

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: New rules being proposed

**From:** wayne paulson [<mailto:gillgun3@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 9:43 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** New rules being proposed

I am in favor of these new rules to protect other SD waters. It just seems common sense to me. Wayne Paulson, of Mitchell SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**From:** Tom Jirik <jiriks@amerytel.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:15 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** comments, invasive species

The proposed new rules are usable and very practical. They will be accepted without problems. Unlike your neighbor to the east. They are trying to require ANYBODY that pulls a boat across their state to take a class, submit a fee and then receive a sticker to put on their trailer, among other insults. All they did was create a lot of anger and resistance. This would lead to non-compliance and rebellion.

We can definitely live with these new proposals as they are simple and effective. Tom Jirik, Amery, WI.

## Ascher, Debra

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**From:** Grant Kallevig <gkallevig@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 10:24 AM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** Aquatic Invasive Species Law Proposal

I recently received an email regarding proposed new rules to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species. Draining livewells and pulling boat drain plugs were the two proposed law changes.

Although good in theory, these changes are rather pointless in practice. Ninety five percent or more of anglers are doing these very things anyways. Most people go out to a lake or river, fish it for however long they are going to, and call it a day. Lake hopping and bringing water from one body to another is really not that common at all. I know few people who do not drain their livewell and pull their drain plug when they are done fishing every time.

The email I received about the proposed law changes also failed to mention what invasive species were of concern. Bodies of water are connected from all over this state with one another through thousands of rivers, streams, aquifers, swamps, etc. Are the invasive things that we are trying so hard to prevent spreading much more by way of natural causes than human causes? What about fish and birds that travel and eat from one body of water to the next? I would have to imagine that birds hit many more lakes in a day than an angler, not to mention they outnumber people ten thousand to one. Are the invasive species of concern something found floating about in the water, or do they need a physical contact with a vessel just to begin to move off the lake/river bed? If so, water draining isn't a solution to this problem. Before jumping to the conclusion that people are the cause of every spread of species, let's look at ways invasive species spread other than humans to see if nature has more to do with this problem than we are currently giving it credit for.

In the end I, along with every other angler, know exactly what these changes are going to do: give GFP one more reason to hand out tickets, while inevitably the species of things spread anyways. Look at Minnesota for your reference, they have this law and I saw it fail first hand as I grew up. Do not think that creating more laws will create less criminals and violations; it is counter-intuitive to the very essence of creating any law. SD will have instantly gain more law violators the moment this law is passed. Not a stat we want to increase.

If spreading water through boat transport is truly a concern, run a radio and television ad campaign and put signs up at the access asking anglers to drain their water if they are going to go to another body of water in the same day. Those who fish enough to be doing that will be more than willing to do their part in combatting the spread of invasive species, and the other ninety five percent of anglers will drain their water when they get home anyways. Look at states with similar laws to see how it has truly worked for them. Ask anglers in those states to get the real story, don't just go by the reports filed by state GFP services. Investigate how these invasive species are spreading and hire many different independent, non-government sources to do research; do not simply assume it's all by boat traffic. There are many factors to consider when finding out how these species spread and what causes them to migrate, and all need to be considered.

Sincerely,  
Grant James Kallevig  
815 S. Prairie Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: new rules about draining livewells

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**From:** Ron Clause [<mailto:Ron@llbuilders.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 4:11 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** new rules about draining livewells

I fish a lot in South Dakota and would not mind draining my livewells, but I would not want to pull my drain plug to the boat every time. It is to easy to forget, that's also why I have a bilge pump.

Ron Clause  
Project Manager / Head of Field Operations  
L & L Builders Co.  
2205 Fourth St. E.  
Sioux City, IA 51101

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: rules

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**From:** vyn.midco.net, bcwinter  
**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 2:53 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** rules

FYI: I live on the Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam. Thus, I see hundreds of boats come in and out of the river. Regarding the invasive species proposals: Number one: There are so many boats that I doubt it is possible to check all boats for draining live wells and boats. The number of personnel needed would be too expensive ; Number two: Even though live wells, and boats, would be drained many of them do not drain completely. Thus I wonder if this would even work. I have notice many times when boats are drained that water still exists in the boats. Number three: Time of year. Perhaps it is possible when more information is available that the proposed rules would only be needed at certain times of the year: ala Summer; or when temperatures reach a certain level, etc. Number four and possibly related to the issue: Carp have taken over the river below Gavins Point. Fishing as it existed prior to the big flood does not exist. From GFP research done I am certain this is well documented. At some point the carp issue, if it can be, must be resolved. I wonder how many carp carry invasive species, are tossed on shore, etc. The invasive issue has magnified since the flood and carp could be involved.

Thanks for your work. Bob Winter 111 Pike, Yankton, SD

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Drain Livewells

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**From:** Curt Tesch [<mailto:curtaps@venturecomm.net>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 06, 2015 10:04 AM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Drain Livewells

I, like many resident anglers, prefer to transport their fish home alive in the livewell. I fill the livewell with water, turn on the aerator, and when I get home the fish are usually alive. The livewell is drained in my driveway. I don't know who wouldn't drain their livewell after removing the fish.

By requiring draining the livewell at the landing one of two things will have to be done. One is to clean the fish at the landing which will result in a larger refuse problem at the landings. The other will be to have a cooler of ice large enough to transport the fish. Having a cooler of ice along each time you go is going to be quite inconvenient let alone an added expense.

I really don't understand what the reasoning is for draining the livewell at the landing. Everyone is going to drain and rinse their livewell after using it. If you don't, you have a very smelly experience the next time you open it.

Curt Tesch  
Associated Production Services  
10527 469TH AV  
Rosholt, SD 57260

**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: FW: AIS

**From:** Jerry Kane [<mailto:jkane324@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 10:30 AM  
**To:** Ascher, Debra  
**Subject:** Re: FW: AIS

Jerry Kane  
815 Phillips Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68521

**From:** Jerry Kane [<mailto:jkane324@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 15, 2015 6:08 PM  
**To:** GFP Wild Info  
**Subject:** AIS

I agree with the AIS proposals.

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Jerry Kane  
402-613-0853  
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**Ascher, Debra**

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**Subject:** FW: Comments regarding AIS proposed rules

**From:** Allen Schlenker [mailto:schlenker1@siq.midco.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:23 PM

**To:** GFP Wild Info

**Subject:** Comments regarding AIS proposed rules

Dear Commission:

I would like to take a moment to comment on the proposed rules regarding the emptying of livewells and transportation of fish after harvest. While I agree, we need to take care of our waters, I don't believe the proposed rules will be effective, efficient or cost effective. While AIS can be transported in the livewells, research shows that they can also be transported on the actual boat and/or trailer. Many anglers will leave one body of water and transfer to another body of water during the same day or weekend in an effort to catch fish. (I'm proficient enough where I usually catch my fish on the lake I start out on! :) ) How will you monitor if I take my boat out on Lewis and Clark Lake on a Saturday, catch a bunch of fish, drain my livewell, clean my fish and then put my boat in the water on Sunday in Lake Pointsett for an afternoon of recreational tubing? Your existing awareness campaign tells me that I should stop and powerwash my boat with hot water before taking it to Lake Pointsett to prevent the spread of AIS. But really, you won't be able to enforce it because by current or proposed rule, no law or rule has been broken.

I personally don't like cleaning frozen, dead fish. The meat doesn't seem as fresh or tasty. There is no scientific basis, just personal preference and taste. In some cases, I may want to take my fish to a fish cleaning station to maintain freshness. For example, I may fish in Dry Lake by Willow Lake and on my way home, stop into the fish cleaning station at Lake Thompson to clean and package my fish for maximum freshness and the final ride home. Under the proposed rules, I would need to drain my livewell, stop and get ice, then stop again to clean fish. If I start with 5 gallons of water in my livewell, add 20 pounds of ice and it melts on the way home, then I was legal to a point only until the water content exceeds 5 gallons via melting ice. Will I have to keep my receipt to show GFP officers I purchased ice? My boat has a sizable livewell and 5 gallons wouldn't do much to preserve the freshness of the fish.

I believe you will be better off to expand your promotion of anti-AIS issues and methods through social media, conservation club efforts and general advertising. You could also allocate funds to install hot water hoses at existing fish cleaning stations to promote cleaning your boat prior to leaving the current area entering another body of water. Yes, it would be expensive to install, but think of the potential loss of fishing related tourism dollars when the fish stocks are depleted and nobody goes fishing.

I applaud your efforts to try and stay in front of the subject and hope you find a reasonable, efficient way to do so.

These are my general thoughts on the subject. Please contact me directly at 605-759-6199 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Commissioners,

After reading the proposals for A.I.S. I was physically sick for a moment. These proposals would change angling as we know it. I am against said proposals with the following discussion points.

Discussion Points.

1. No consideration was given to transporting minnows in treated tap water. This is very easy and cheap and shows knowledge and respect for the resource.
2. What would be done to stop the spread of AIS in inboards? An inboard holds water and should never reach the 140 degrees to kill the AIS. One short trip from Angostura to Pactola turn the key and into the water they go. Fisherman are being unfairly targeted.
3. Water can get into a trailer and can pool. How is that going to be stopped? Again not just fisherman.
4. If anglers start getting ticketed, and I feel it will pretty much be a field day because I have seen many casual anglers who don't have any idea what the rules and restrictions are. They will start dumping bait into dumpsters, into lakes and everywhere in between.
5. It is no coincidence that the boarder lakes are the problem since we invite nonresident boaters into our state for free fishing, boating and free park entrance. This act alone promotes the spread of AIS into the state. No one is checking the boats coming in.
6. To maximize my angling experience of over 25 years in this state, I like to seine and catch my minnows to have quality bait. I usually do this with friends. Do we have to put all of our minnows in one five gallon bucket or do we get one bucket per person?
7. I fear future harassment. I fear that anyone who even puts a boat on Angostura will be under quarantine. This will not be good. Starting this year I will have a boat log and video's of me washing and caring for my boat so I can show law enforcement that I have taken all the necessary steps to stop AIS because I know I will unfairly be targeted.
8. I see no research that shows drastic measures such as these will do anything to stop the spread of AIS. I also understand that Quagga mussels have natural enemies, like Red Ear sunfish, Yellow Perch, Fresh water Drum. Angostura has acres and acres of shad along with previous mentioned enemies. Could they even get established in Angostura.
9. We should implement a certified boat cleaning and inspection in Rapid City so that we can take our boats in and have them washed and cleaned and given a permit showing we have done so. That would help us when we travel with our boats.

Thank you for your consideration,

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