



Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group

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Clean Your Boat To Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species A New Tool Is Available at the Shaw-Bosh-Kung Bay Landing on Mille Lacs Lake

As fall fishing heats up, people are moving between lakes looking for the hot bite. Others may be ready to put their boats away for the season. Mille Lacs County and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe DNR have joined forces to provide a new tool that aims to stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.

A CD3 Cleaning Station was installed at the Shaw-Bosh-Kung Bay public access on the west side of Mille Lacs Lake. The CD3 system is a waterless, boater-operated station that provides the tools needed to clean, drain, and dry a watercraft and trailer. The system is available 24/7 and is a self-service solution for the public. Tools like a vacuum, brush, drain plug wrench, and more are available. Removing water and plant fragments from the boat and trailer is an important tool in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.



The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe DNR prepared a video that shows how this station can be used to clean boats and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Check out this link to view the video!

<https://youtu.be/R4yut53xWM0>

The following aquatic invasive species are currently found in Mille Lacs Lake:

- Zebra Mussels
- Spiny Water Flea
- Eurasian Water Milfoil

Working together we can keep these species from spreading to other lakes.

Photos courtesy of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe DNR.