

# FOR LAND'S SAKE

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## Special Edition

### New Phone Systems

Conservation & Zoning and the USDA Service Center have new phone systems. These systems are now separate, and we can no longer transfer calls within the building. Each office has kept its old phone number however.

USDA - FSA and NRCS: (608) 776-4028

Dial 2 for FSA and Dial 3 for NRCS.

Extensions are also available when you reach the auto-attendant.

DNR: Matt Singer, Forester – (608) 776-3064

Bruce Folley, Wildlife Manager (608) 575-9288

Conservation & Zoning - (608) 776-3836 All calls are routed through the main phone system. Staff no longer has a voice mail option, but messages can be taken.





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## June is Invasive Species Month

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### **Trout anglers, boaters and water recreationists play a key role in preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species**

PLATTEVILLE, WI – May 16, 2016-Fishing and water activities are cherished summer pastimes in Wisconsin. Yet as more and more people use our water resources the chance for the introduction of new and invasive species becomes greater and greater. Many of these new, invasive species threaten our existing native species and the health of our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. We all share the responsibility for preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Don Barrette, Aquatic Invasive Species coordinator for Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council urges Trout anglers, boaters and water recreationists to be on the lookout for aquatic invasive species such as Didymo, Eurasian water-milfoil, Curly leaf pondweed, Purple loosestrife, Faucet snail, Rusty crayfish, Whirling disease, and Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS). To help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species when using our water resources, please follow these simple steps:

#### **Trout Anglers**

- **Before** entering and when leaving any water body Inspect and make sure all equipment is clean and free of plants and animals
- **Remove** all foreign substances including mud from boots and equipment
- **Drain** all water from boots and equipment
- **Never** move or transport live aquatic organisms (fish, frogs, crayfish, turtles, bugs)
- **Replace** felt soled boots with hard rubber

#### **Boaters**

- **Before** launching and leaving **you must** inspect boats, trailers and equipment
- **Remove** all attached aquatic plants and animals
- **Drain** all water from boats, vehicles and equipment
- **Never Move** water, plants or live fish away from a waterbody. **Limited exceptions apply.** Visit [www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov) and search for "Bait Laws"

Our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams are unique and fragile resources. Please be responsible and help protect them from outside invaders. Remember that everyone has a stake in preventing the spread of aquatic hitchhikers. June is Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness month. If you have questions about aquatic invasive species in your area or would like to learn more about how to remove or prevent invasive species please contact Don Barrette at [don.barrette@swbadger.org](mailto:don.barrette@swbadger.org) or by phone at 608-348-7110. Remember to be safe and have an enjoyable time on Wisconsin's waters.

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*Enjoy Your Summer!*

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**FPP/WLI Certification Letter from DATCP:  
Dated May 26, 2016:**

1. If you received a certificate of compliance in 2015 (with a number to file with your taxes) the letter does not apply to you.
2. If you still need to achieve full compliance a status review may be needed before the compliance certificate can be issued. This certificate is required by Department of Revenue in order to claim the credit in 2016. You will need to meet the Standards, including having a Nutrient Management Plan in place.
3. If you need to be put on the Status Review list or check your status please phone the Conservation & Zoning Office after June 13 to contact Roger Lange.

Note: We no longer have voice mail capabilities, so you may need to wait for messages to be answered.