



Aquatic Invasive Species Lunch n' Learn Programs Presented by Pennsylvania Sea Grant

Pennsylvania Sea Grant announces new webinar trainings for professionals working with aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Pennsylvania. While focused on topics for resource managers and others working with AIS, anyone interested in AIS topics is invited to participate. There is no cost to participate, but registration is required.

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How to Develop a Watercraft Inspection Program to Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

March 1, 2019 Noon – 1:00 PM

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are species found outside their natural geographic range that cause ecological or economic harm, or harm to human health. Recreational boating is one pathway that can move plants and animals from one water body to another in a short amount of time, which can lead to the spread of aquatic invasive species. One way to prevent their spread is to inspect a boat or trailer and remove any

visible plants, animals, or organic materials before launching into a different lake or pond. Contact Sarah Whitney, Director, for details swhitney@psu.edu.



How Mock Scenarios are Shaping the Future of Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response

March 8, 2019 Noon – 1:00 PM

The Governor's Invasive Species Council of Pennsylvania approved the Pennsylvania Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Rapid Response plan in September 2014. Since that time, it has been used to conduct rapid response trainings, or exercises that mock the actions necessary when dealing with a new infestation of an AIS species. Past rapid response exercises have trained professionals how to properly report and address new infestations. This presentation will provide an overview of the rapid response process in Pennsylvania, highlight key and

updated aspects of the plan, and discuss results of past mock exercises to ensure all participants are up to date on AIS rapid response process in Pennsylvania. Contact Sara Stahlman, Extension Leader, for details sstahlman@psu.edu.