

**Overview of AIS Regulations in the Great Lakes States**

State	Bilge Water	Boat Cleaning	Transport	Reporting	Bait	Introduction	Helpful Websites
WI	Must drain all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment before entering the state and after exiting the water.	Remove all plants and animals and drain all water from vehicles and equipment before entering the state or immediately following leaving a body of water.	Illegal to possess/transfer/transport certain invasive species and/or a vehicle, boat, boat trailer, equipment or gear of any type on a public highway which has an aquatic plant or aquatic animal attached to the exterior.	<b>Contact:</b> WI Dept of Natural Resources <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/">http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/</a> Notify Wisconsin DNR of the escape of a restricted invasive fish species within 24 hours.	Illegal to use a live prohibited fish, invasive species or non-native crayfish as fishing bait. Illegal to release any unused bait into any waters.	Illegal to introduce a nonnative aquatic plant, algae, cyanobacteria, or fish species in any water of the state without a permit (exceptions).	<a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/boat.html">http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/boat.html</a> ; <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/classification.html">http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/classification.html</a> ; <a href="http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/AB-86.pdf">http://www.legis.state.wi.us/2007/data/AB-86.pdf</a>
MI		Placing a boat, boating equipment, or boat trailer in Michigan's water when an aquatic plant is attached is considered a civil infraction.	Prohibited to possess/transport certain aquatic invasive species. List: <a href="http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/publicact/pdf/2005-PA-0077.pdf">www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/publicact/pdf/2005-PA-0077.pdf</a>	<b>Contact:</b> USGS NAS at <a href="http://nas.er.usgs.gov/SightingReport.aspx">http://nas.er.usgs.gov/SightingReport.aspx</a> or (877) STOP-ANS OR directly to the GLANSIS manager, Rochelle Sturtevant at <a href="mailto:rochelle.sturtevant@noaa.gov">rochelle.sturtevant@noaa.gov</a> or (734) 741-2287. You should also notify the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.	Prohibited to use nonnative species as fishing bait. Pathogen restrictions on possession of baitfish and roe on certain waters of the state.	Illegal to introduce certain nonnative fish or aquatic plants unless authorized.	<a href="http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/laws/mi.shtml#UlfFH4JN8">http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/laws/mi.shtml#UlfFH4JN8</a> <a href="http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/publicact/pdf/2005-PA-0033.pdf">http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2005-2006/publicact/pdf/2005-PA-0033.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/FO_245.10_317517_7.pdf">http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/FO_245.10_317517_7.pdf</a>
OH			Illegal to possess exotic species for introduction or release into public waters.	<b>Contact:</b> See Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force expert list for who to notify. <a href="http://www.anstaskforce.gov/experts/expertlist.php?PHPSESSID=25941c1b19d941958512eb15183ab923&amp;expertprimarystate=OH">http://www.anstaskforce.gov/experts/expertlist.php?PHPSESSID=25941c1b19d941958512eb15183ab923&amp;expertprimarystate=OH</a>	Illegal for any person to sell as bait fish, or use as bait any fish or minnow not already established in waters of Ohio over which the wildlife chief has control.	Illegal to release exotic species into public waters unless authorized by permission of the chief.	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Home/wild_resource/subhomepage/dealing_with_wildlife/place_holder/InvasiveSpecieslandingpage/aquaticinvasivewildlife/tabid/5827/Default.aspx">http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Home/wild_resource/subhomepage/dealing_with_wildlife/place_holder/InvasiveSpecieslandingpage/aquaticinvasivewildlife/tabid/5827/Default.aspx</a>
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MN	Drain water from boat, livewell, bilge, and portable bait containers before leaving any water access. Drain plugs must be removed also at the water access, and drain plugs and other water draining devices must remain open while trailering or transporting boats.	All prohibited invasive species must be cleaned off watercraft, trailers, and equipment. Associated boating equipment that has been removed from any water body may not be placed in another water body until a minimum of 21 days have passed.	Illegal to transport prohibited invasive species and ALL aquatic plants without a permit. Water from infested waters must not be transported on a public road except under permit.	<b>Contact:</b> MN DNR. See <a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/contacts.html#aquatic">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/contacts.html#aquatic</a> for who to contact.	Illegal to dispose of unwanted bait in water or on ground. Illegal to take wild animals from infested waters for bait or aquatic farms except under permit.	Illegal to introduce prohibited invasive species unless authorized by a permit.	<a href="http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic.html">http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic.html</a> ; <a href="http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/infested_waters.pdf">http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/invasives/infested_waters.pdf</a>

IL			Illegal to possess/transport/trade injurious or restricted species without a permit.	<b>Contact:</b> Fill out online Aquatic Non-Native Species Reporting Form. <a href="http://www.iisgcp.org/il-ans/report3.htm">http://www.iisgcp.org/il-ans/report3.htm</a>	Illegal to use live injurious species as bait.	Illegal to release any aquatic life into state waters (unless it is released from which it came) without authorization by IL DNR.	<a href="http://www.iisgcp.org/il-ans/index2.html">http://www.iisgcp.org/il-ans/index2.html</a> ; <a href="http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/adrules/document/s/17-805.pdf">http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/adrules/document/s/17-805.pdf</a>
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IN	Illegal to transport listed species <i>within</i> any boat trailer, bait bucket, gear and equipment without authorization.	Illegal to transport listed species <i>on</i> any boat trailer, bait bucket, gear and equipment without authorization.	Illegal to possess/transport/trade listed species without a permit.	<b>Contact:</b> IN DNR. Call 1-866-NO-EXOTIC, or online: <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/6385.htm">http://www.in.gov/dnr/6385.htm</a>	Illegal to take listed species unless killed immediately upon capture.	Illegal to import or release into public waters a listed species without a permit.	<a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/naturepreserve-ExoticNuisanceAquaticSpecies.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/naturepreserve-ExoticNuisanceAquaticSpecies.pdf</a> ; <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-AIS_PossessionRules.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-AIS_PossessionRules.pdf</a> ; <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/6373.htm">http://www.in.gov/dnr/6373.htm</a>
PA			Illegal to possess/transport/trade listed live invasive species.	<b>Contact:</b> PA Fish & Boat Commission. Fill out online reporting form: <a href="http://fishandboat.com/ais-reporting.htm">http://fishandboat.com/ais-reporting.htm</a>		Illegal to release any species of fish in Commonwealth waters unless on approved list or with written permission from the PA Commission.	<a href="http://fishandboat.com/ais.htm">http://fishandboat.com/ais.htm</a>
NY	No person shall cause listed species to be liberated to the wild or allow such species to exist in a state or condition where it is likely to escape into the wild.	No person shall cause listed species to be liberated to the wild or allow such species to exist in a state or condition where it is likely to escape into the wild.	Illegal to possess/import/transport listed live species without a permit.	<b>Contact:</b> See Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force expert list for who to notify. <a href="http://anastaskforce.gov/experts/expertlist.php?PHPSESSID=630c7901cd79af4d448707004498f575&amp;expertprimarystate=NY">http://anastaskforce.gov/experts/expertlist.php?PHPSESSID=630c7901cd79af4d448707004498f575&amp;expertprimarystate=NY</a>		Illegal to introduce, dispose of, release, or transplant prohibited species without a permit.	<a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50121.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50121.html</a> ; <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/3934.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/3934.html</a>

**NOTICE: The above is a summary of the many current state regulations regarding invasive species. This list is NOT all-inclusive. Laws are up to interpretation by the agencies implementing them. Please consult your state authorities for the most accurate and up-to-date information.**