## **ATTENTION**

# CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY all items before they enter park waters.

This includes boats, gear, water toys, and pets.

stand-up paddle boards (SUP) + leashes + paddles











footwear



diving + snorkeling gear



kids beach

toys

CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY. Your unclean gear can infect waters with AIS. This may result in area closures.













# Keep park waters clean

You can stop the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species



## What are Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)?

- AIS are non-native plants, animal and diseases.
- Many AIS are harmful to healthy fresh water.
- AIS reproduce fast and have no natural predators.

#### Top 3 AIS threats to Jasper waters:



Trout infected by Whirling Disease





Quagga mussel

Zebra mussel

#### How do AIS move from one water body to another (ponds, lakes, rivers, creeks)?

- AIS spread mainly through human use and water activities.
- AIS stick to boats, gear, clothing, fur.
- AIS are hard to detect, not always visible to the naked eye.
- AIS survive for long periods of time on unclean gear, boats and other items used in and on water.



#### What is there to lose?

- AIS may destroy healthy water and aquatic life.
- AIS can make water and beaches not suitable for swimming.
- AIS affect tourism, water recreation, and fishing.
- AIS have serious environmental and economic impacts.
- AIS can damage watercraft and gear.
- AIS presence may result in closures and restrictions.
- Once established, many AIS never go away.

#### AIS damage is often not reversible.



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Beach spoiled with rotten mussels smell and sharp shells.

1 mussel lays 1 million tiny eggs per year.

### CLEAN, DRAIN and DRY to prevent the spread of AIS

Make it a habit everywhere you go!



### CLEAN

Clean all mud, sand, plant or animal parts from all items **before leaving** the shore.

### DRAIN

Drain, **onto land**, all items that can hold water.

Invert or tilt items. Open all compartments. Remove seats if necessary.

Pull the drain plug if applicable.

### DRY

Dry all items completely **before entering** any river, pond, lake or stream.

Use inspection and decontamination station where available.

Learn more about AIS. Stay up-to-date on risks and rules: <u>parkscanada.gc.ca/jasperwateractivities</u>