Hubbard County AIS Program Update

AIS Program Coordinator

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2016 Program Summary

From 5/13/2016 through 10/16/2016		
Parameter	**Number**	**Percent**
Entering	12,783	55.77%
Exiting	10,136	44.23%
Drain Plug In On Arrival	147	1.15%
Plants/Mud/Water On Arrival	268	2.10%
Entering From Infested Water	1,393	10.90%
Exiting Last Waterbody Infested	865	8.53%
Entering From Out-Of-State	1,886	14.75%
# Of Decontaminations	116	0.91%
# Of Decons From Infested Water	62	53.45%
Number Of Inspections	**Hours**	**Inspections/Hour**
22,919	15,384	1.49

Summary of Results

- The percentage of boats entering with drain plugs in was 1.5% lower this year.
- The percentage of boats with plants, water, or mud was 0.75% lower this year.
- Entering from infested is slightly higher this year.
- Entering from out of state is nearly identical to last year.
- Decontaminations are only slightly lower this year. 2015 we had 130 decons, 2016 we had 116.
- The percentage of decons from infested waters is up 15.76%.

2017 Program Planning

- Continually trying to improve upon our current program
- Main areas of improvement
    - More educational materials and public outreach
    - Higher quality of inspections
    - Better relations with recreationists
- Strongly encourage input from stakeholders

2017 Program Budget

- 2017 Budget for State Allocated Hours is $150,984
- This translates to 8,170 hours
- Due to this reduction in hours, need more time to allocate funding
- Timeline is dependent on state inspection data

- There were several key factors that lead to this reduction in state funded inspection hours:
    - Creation of AIS Coordinator Position
    - Money set aside for Rapid Response in case of an infestation
    - The need to increase inspector wages in order to become more competitive and to promote a higher quality of inspection
    - Additional training of employees in order to promote a more positive and effective public interaction

2017 Program Budget Continued

- 8,170 hours is a safe baseline that is guaranteed
- Funding timeline is broken into two payments throughout the year
- If there is excess money at the end of this season we may use it for extra inspections
- It is important to note that the county is supportive of our program and the county levee is still in place
- **2016 was a year of transition logistically**
- **2017 will be a year of transition financially**

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