

# Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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The Invasive Species Bulletin provides you with all the latest news on invasive species in Montana and the region. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, contributions, questions, corrections, or comments.

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## Montana News

- **SAVE THE DATE: Governor's Summit on Invasive Species Summit Priorities Webinar**

Please join the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council and Lisa DeBruyckere from Creative Resource Strategies, LLC, on **June 13, 2016**, for a webinar to reveal the top priorities that were identified in the assessment and at the Invasive Species Summit. Stay tuned for more information including time and webinar instructions.

- **HELENA HIGH SCHOOL team takes first in state Envirothon competition on Invasive Species (Independent Record, 5/24/16)**

Imagine you're dropped down into a fishing access you've never seen before and you're supposed to draw up a management plan to protect the property from invasive species. And then, you have to give a 10-minute presentation on the group's solution to a group of experts. That's what a group of Helena High School students on the Envirothon team did, and they did such a great job they took first place in the state contest in late April in Lewistown. Their next stop: The North American Envirothon competition in Petersborough, Ontario, from July 24-29. [Read more....](#)

- **NOXIOUS WEED PETITION PERIOD**

Petitions for new plants to be added the Montana Noxious Weed List are being accepted until September 31, 2016. Visit [agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Weeds/](http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Weeds/) for more information or contact Dave Burch at 406,444-3140 or [dburch@mt.gov](mailto:dburch@mt.gov)

## Regional and National News

- **IDAHO Launches new website on invasive species**

The Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA) has launched a new education and outreach campaign for invasive species and noxious weeds, including focused marketing and a new website. The new website has been designed to operate as a tool for stakeholders, industry experts and consumers with invasive species interests or questions.

For information on invasive species in Idaho and what you can do in this battle against them please click [here...](#)

- **SPOTTED AND DIFFUSE Knapweed (TechLine Invasive Plant News)**

More than 60 publications were reviewed to prepare this summary on the biology, impacts, and management of two closely related knapweeds. This comprehensive review was originally prepared in 2001 and updated in 2016. [Read more..](#)

- **BOAT THAT TRIED TO bypass Idaho inspection station found infested with live quagga, zebra mussels (The Spokesman-Review, 5/17/16)**

A boat being hauled into Idaho from Nevada bypassed a state inspection station, was stopped by a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy and escorted back to the check station, and was found to be contaminated with live quagga or zebra mussels – the invasive mussels Idaho's boat inspection program is specifically designed to keep out of the state and the region. The boat was impounded by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and will be released in the next 30 days only after "a thorough and complete decontamination." [Read more....](#)

- **TINY WASP SNIFFS OUT, picks up 'good vibrations' to battle ash borer (ScienceDaily)**

With the emerald ash borer beetle devastating ash tree populations throughout the United States -- from locations as far north as Massachusetts and as far south as Louisiana -- solutions to help fight the insect are critical. [Read more...](#)

- **BALLAST WATER (VIDA) made the President's list of objectional provisions in H.R. 4909 (Western Regional Panel)**

[STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY Here](#)

H.R. 4909 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Rep. Thornberry, R-TX, and Rep. Smith, D-WA)

Page 16 - "Ballast Water: The Administration objects to Title XXXVI, which undermines the ability to fight the spread of invasive species in our Nation's waters because it, in part: would lack critical civil and criminal enforcement mechanisms present in the existing statutory and regulatory regime, the absence of which would irreparably hinder the successful prosecution of unlawful discharges; would effectively discard the existing body of domestic environmental laws as those laws apply to vessel discharges; would jettison well-established statutory and regulatory regimes that implement U.S. international legal obligations; and would fail to preserve expressly the authorities of the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior to exercise administrative control over waters under each Secretary's jurisdiction."

## Other

- **FREE Western Aquatic Invasive Species Webinar Series**

Please join us for the Western Aquatic Invasive Species webinar series hosted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. The series focuses on collaborative activities in the western states to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, such as quagga and zebra mussels.

**Webinar #2: June 17, 2016, 10:00am-11:00am Pacific Time**

### **The Basics of Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training**

Join "Quagga D" Davis, Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Trainer, and several experts to share information about the basics of watercraft inspection and decontamination, collaborative efforts with Canada and the western states to prevent the movement of infested boats, why watercraft inspection and decontamination stations are important to prevention efforts, and much more!

To [register](#), please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8137020838496427778>.

- **NORTHERN ROCKIES INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

Join NRIPC October 17-20, 2016 at the Boise Centre in Boise, ID for the 4<sup>th</sup> Northern Rockies Invasive Plant Council Conference. This four day conference will feature presentations on the latest developments in invasive plant research and provide ample opportunity for managers and researchers to engage and identify creative new approaches to managing invasions. Join the discussion of possibilities and problems specific to the management of invasive plants in natural areas, and perhaps more importantly, contribute to solutions!

**Call for papers.** Papers can now be submitted for the following conference themes: 1) Continuing changes in herbicide regulations, 2) Re-thinking integrated weed management—Tools across space and time, 3) Annual grasses—A perennial problem, 4) New invaders—Intros and updates, 5) Genetic variability of invasive plants, 6) Biological control, 7) Multi-taskers—Weeds of cultivated and natural areas, 8) Good weed, bad weed—Understanding the benefits and drawbacks of weeds and weed management, 9) Wet and wild—Aquatic invasive plants, 10) Restoration and revegetation, 11) Weeds and sage-grouse management

Visit [www.nripc.org](http://www.nripc.org) and follow the style of the sample abstract provided and indicate the session topic number you would like to submit your paper to. Abstract submission deadline is **August 5, 2016** at midnight PST. Submit and upload your abstract (MS Word files only) by emailing [nripc@nripc.org](mailto:nripc@nripc.org).

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