Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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Montana News

- **NON-NATIVE WALLEYE FOUND IN LINK to Flathead River System**: http://www.cbbulletin.com/435424.aspx

  Walleye have been discovered in Montana's Swan Lake, a major link to Flathead Lake and the broader Flathead River system that is home to native bull trout, a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act….

- **INVASIVE FISH SPREAD Across NW Montana**: http://www.thewesternnews.com/members/invasive-fish-spread-across-nw-montana/article_443374aa-1d02-11e4-8b4b-0019bb2963f4.html

  The key species that have been transplanted into northwest Montana waters are the northern pike, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, black bullhead, smallmouth bass, white sucker, walleye, fathead minnow and bluegill, according to FWP documents — and the whole northwest Montana region is being affected by these species.

- **INVASIVE FISH THREATEN Montana Native Species:** http://www.kulr8.com/story/30379542/invasive-fish-threaten-montana-native-species

- **AN INVASIVE SPECIES IS THREATENING Montana's Native Trout--and climate change is making it possible**: http://www.salon.com/2014/05/28/a_invasive_species_is_threatening_montanas_native_trout_and_climate_change_is_making_it_possible/

Regional and National News

- **DESPITE TREATMENT, 16 Mussels Confirmed in Christmas Lake**: http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/2015/10/23/despite-treatment-16-zebra-mussels-confirmed-in-christmas-lake/

Despite aggressive treatment, 16 zebra mussels have been confirmed across a wide area of Christmas Lake in Shorewood, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The spatial distribution and age of the mussels found indicate that a reproducing population is established and further treatment would not be effective. While the agencies involved in the treatment project are disappointed, they say the information gained from the effort was worthwhile and will be used for future treatments in other bodies of water….

- **RESEARCHER FINDS WAYS TO FIGHT CHEATGRASS, Western Scourge (10/15, *NY Times*)**: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/06/science/researcher-finds-way-to-fight-cheatgrass-a-western-scourge.html?_r=0

Cheatgrass could vie for the title of the most successful invasive species in North America. The weed lives in every state, and is the dominant plant on more than 154,000 square miles of the West, by one estimate.

- **THE FEDERAL LANDS INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL, prevention, and management act, S. 2240:** http://www.barrasso.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/news-releases?ID=bdd93674-bcea-4535-914e-9de31b163e29

Senator Barrasso (WY) introduced S.2240 on 11/4/15. It is the companion to HR1485 which was introduced previously by Representative Amodei (NV).

- **AREAWIDE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ACT of 2015**.

H.R. 3893 would amend the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 to create grant opportunities for "areawide integrated pest management" at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture

- **PROPOSED RULE TO LIST 10 nonnative fish species** and 1 nonnative freshwater crayfish species as injurious under the Lacey Act. http://www.fws.gov/news/ShowNews.cfm?ref=threat-to-native-wildlife-and-local-economies-from-eleven-foreign-species-&_ID=35288

Other

- **GREATER YELLOWSTONE COORDINATING COUNCIL Fall Invasive Species Meeting:** November 18, 2015. Contact Clint Sestrich for more information: csestrich@fs.fed.us

- **USDA GRANTS AVAILABLE** for invasive species control: http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/docs/toolkit/usdagrants2012.pdf

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