

INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BARNES AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES SUCTION PONTOON BOAT





HOW IT WORKS

- The pontoon has a suction tube that allows the diver to go down to pick the invasive plants. The diver then uses the hose to suck the plants up to the pontoon where they are drained and bagged into the garbage bags.

- *Scroll over picture to start video*



BAISS BOAT CREW



Two divers

One in the water while the other manages the lines and collects stray weeds from the surface



One volunteer

Drive the pontoon boat to dive site

Assist with anchoring at location

Start the motor for the suction

Refill gas in motors as needed

Put weeds collected into garbage bags

WEED COLLECTION

- Weeds are dispersed from the large white tube
- Move the plants from the first tray to the second tray to allow plants to drain
- Put plants into garbage bag



WEED COLLECTION



- When plant material gets the to the second pipe from the top, it is time to switch out the bags
- Release the clamps and either pull the bag out or if it is too heavy, the pipe basket is removable and can be lifted up and over the bag

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



BAISS BOAT VOLUNTEER

- Drive pontoon
- Bag aquatic species
- Meet new people interested in the health of our lakes
- Learn to recognize and identify native plants and interesting species
- Spend time on our lakes
- Volunteer time
 - 4 hours (2 shifts AM/PM)
 - Monday - Thursday



VOLUNTEER TO MOVE AND/OR WASH BOAT IN BETWEEN LAKES

- Boat needs to be moved from lake to lake
 - Upper to Lower
 - Lower to Middle
 - Middle to Sand Bar
 - End of season to storage
- You can volunteer to do it once or all four times. It is an important contribution to the program!

VOLUNTEER TO PICK UP BAGGED WEEDS

- Collected bags of weeds need to be picked up and disposed of at the end of each day
- Choose the times that work best for you:
 - Volunteer by the day of the week or a week at a time
 - Choose a lake that is close to you
 - Partner with a friend and take turns

ARE YOU MECHANICALLY INCLINED?

- Learn the mechanics of how the BAISS boat was built
- Volunteer to be on call to keep the boat running so a valuable day of AIS eradication isn't lost
- Volunteer for one or two days a week or for a week at time during the summer

ARE YOU BETTER BEHIND A COMPUTER OR PHONE?

- Volunteer to enter data for grant record keeping
- Assist with Facebook updates
- Assist with recruiting volunteers
- Schedule volunteers
- Send out notices to volunteers



THANK YOU FOR
VOLUNTEERING