



Why Support ISCCW?

Support Education

- 1) Our best tool to combat the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is to educate the general public on how AIS spreads and what individuals can do to help stop this spread.
- 2) We meet with Watersmeet, Land O' Lakes and Phelps Townships at public events they hold throughout the year.
- 3) We man various boat landings to inspect and educate boaters.
- 4) We partner with lake associations in presenting information to lake residents.
- 5) We partner with other organizations and universities to spread awareness of AIS.

Support Aquatic Invasive Species Control

- 1) We use qualified biologists to monitor the waterways in Watersmeet Township and several border lakes with Wisconsin.
- 2) We develop and implement plans for each body of water, working with the lake association as needed.
- 3) We employ various methods of removal of AIS including hand pulling, Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH), or use of DNR-approved chemicals to control or eradicate Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).
- 4) We ensure the recreational quality of our pristine waters for the benefit Watersmeet and neighboring townships which encourages tourist traffic and supports our local businesses.
- 5) Our boat inspection work at landings offers free boat and trailer washings; the best way to control the spread of AIS.

Support Water Quality Monitoring

- 1) Our qualified biologists take water samples annually to measure the health of our lakes.
- 2) Data is collected on dissolved oxygen, chlorophyll-a, phosphorus, temperature, and water clarity. The database is maintained over time and evaluated for trends.
- 3) Healthy lakes have healthy plant life; we monitor the diversity of plant life in participating lakes.
- 4) Healthy lakes have healthy shorelines; we encourage best practices in maintaining a natural shoreline and keeping woody debris in the water for fish habitats.

Unity and Solidarity

- 1) If you belong to your own lake association, you likely partner with the ISCCW in managing your lake and benefit from funding we provide.
- 2) If you live in Watersmeet Township or vacation here, you benefit from our activities when you enjoy the Township's waters.
- 3) Protecting all the neighboring waters also protects your lake.
- 4) We present a unified front when meeting with township councils and state organizations.

Funding

- 1) All this work costs money and the ISCCW is well-positioned to efficiently execute this work.
- 2) Membership contributions fund about 45% of our work.
- 3) Watersmeet Township supports our budget annually with a financial contribution.
- 4) We apply for grants as they become available.
- 5) We need your membership to fund this critical work; we all benefit as do our children and grandchildren.
- 6) Become a member and donate today!
- 7) Volunteer to serve on our Board and work on a committee!