

North Dakota Game and Fish Department



Highlights from 2017

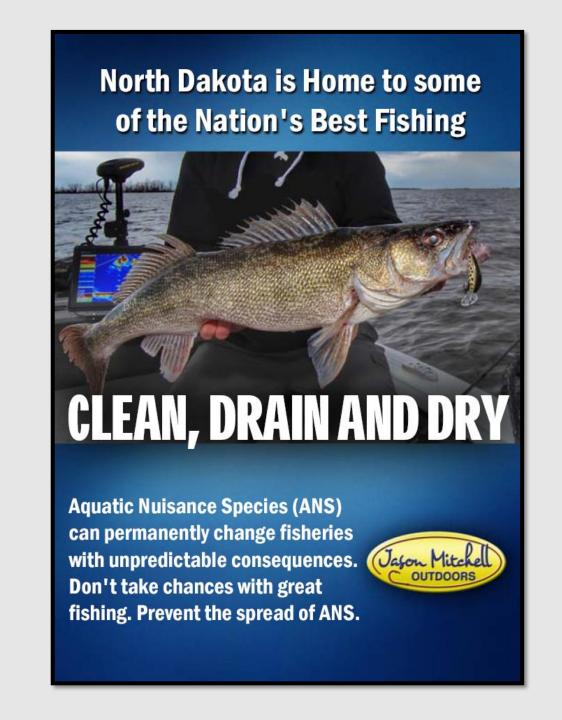
- No new ANS detected or established
- Expanded program efforts
 - High priority sampling 125 samples
 - Vegetation sampling 13 waters
 - Marinas 21 visited
 - Pet stores 12 supplied
 - Weed harvesters permitting
 - Increased tournament involvement
 - Bait vendors no ANS issues





2018 planned efforts

- Clean, Drain, Dry
 - New outreach slogan
 - Consistent nationally
 - Update outreach materials
- Program needs
 - Assess gaps and needs
 - Update operational plan (AISC)
- High-risk sampling
 - Continue for 2 more years; re-evaluate
- Statewide trainings



Asks for increased action

- Increased educational efforts
 - Flood markets
 - Niche marketing
 - Target non-consumptive users
 - Increased social media presence
- Watercraft inspections
 - New legislation would be required
 - New funding mechanism would be requried
 - Increase LE staff
 - Additional ANS staff (≥1 FTE and numerous seasonals)



ND program overview

- * 1 FTE
- 4 seasonal positions (grant)
- * ~ \$320,000 budget in 2017
 - ~\$185,000 state sources (fisheries)
 - ~\$135,000 federal sources
 - ~\$135,000 goes out in grants



Comparisons

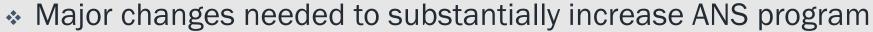
- MT \$7M program
 - ANS Bureau establishment (12 FTEs)
 - 32 watercraft inspection stations
 - ZM lab capabilities
- MN >\$10M program
 - 33 FTEs for MN DNR
 - Total of ~1,000 inspectors statewide (200 DNR)
 - Utilize 400 gal. decon units (\$27K/each)
- SD program budget varies
 - 1.75 FTEs
 - Containment decons
 - 8 seasonals across state





Takeaways

- ND program is comprehensive for resources
 - Regulations reduce risk
 - Educational efforts are broad and targeted
 - Sample uninfested waters
 - Monitor existing populations
 - Expanding and improving program



- Legislative changes
- Stable, self-sufficient funding source
- Ability to hire FTEs













