



# ***Aquatic Invaders Summit II***

**An Exploration of Local Collaboration, Innovation and Opportunity**

**Oct. 5-6, 2016 | River's Edge Convention Center | 10 4th Ave. S. | St. Cloud, Minn.**

## **Mark Your Calendars for October 5-6, 2016**

***Theme: Building Partnerships to Stop the Spread of AIS***

**This two-day event will build on the success of the first Aquatic Invaders Summit held in January 2015.**

**You will:**

- Hear about innovative and collaborative local Minnesota AIS Prevention Programs and how local units of government are utilizing their County AIS Aid.
- Explore new ways to use technology, including Smartphones, to fight AIS; educational programs for youth; and new approaches for behavior change in adopting AIS prevention practices.
- Learn about the ecological, economic, and social impacts of AIS.
- Have opportunities to network with others in your region to build partnerships for success.
- Hear about successes, new approaches, and research on aquatic invasive plant and animal management in infested lakes and rivers—including Starry Stonewort, Minnesota’s newest invader.
- Understand the value of partnerships and importance of building local capacity across constituencies for successful AIS prevention efforts.
- Address ways to close the pathways of AIS introduction and reduce the risk of infestation.
- Explore issues around rapid response to new infestations and effective inspection and decontamination programs.
- Learn why and how the business, resort, and sporting communities can be effective partners in stopping the spread of AIS .....AND MORE.

**Who Should Attend:** Minnesota local units of government and their partners, lake associations, lake service providers, angling and sporting groups, tourism interests, resorts and business organizations—anyone concerned about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Minnesota’s lakes and rivers. **We all have a role to play in protecting our waters from the impacts of aquatic invasive species.**

**More information is coming soon.** Watch the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates website at <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org> for updated information. Make plans now to attend. Registration will open in July.

