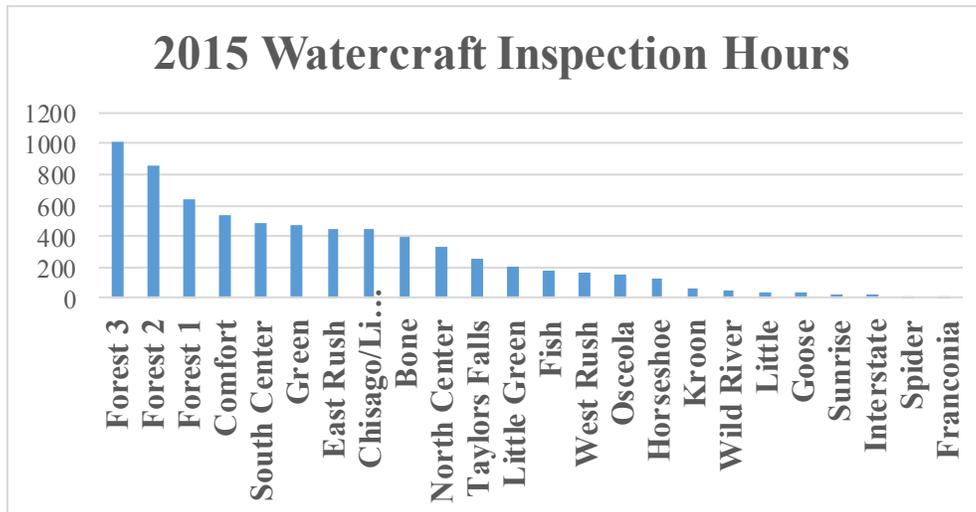


# WATERCRAFT INSPECTION PROGRAM

## PROTECTION FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



Thanks to new funding in 2015 from the State of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid program, Chisago County expanded Watercraft Inspections countywide, while continuing inspections within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District and Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District. Over 7,000 inspection hours were logged at 24 public water accesses. Over 10,000 watercraft were inspected. A 1/4 time Education Specialist was added to the program. Sheriffs' Water Patrol staff were trained on Aquatic Invasive Species enforcement.

The goal of the Watercraft Inspection Partnership is to inform and educate the public on the threats of ecologically harmful aquatic invasive plants and animals. Watercraft inspectors work at public water access sites educating the public by providing information to watercraft users and conducting a brief survey while inspecting watercraft for invasive species.



### Partners:

- Chisago County
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District
- Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District
- Minnesota DNR
- National Park Service

### Boat Launches

#### Inspected:

- Bone
- Center (N & S)
- Chisago/Lindstrom
- Comfort
- Fish
- Forest 1, 2 & 3
- Franconia
- Goose
- Green (Big & Little)
- Horseshoe
- Interstate
- Kroon
- Little
- Osceola
- Rush (East & West)
- Spider
- Sunrise
- Taylor's Falls
- Wild River