



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Raffle Incentive Program – Request for Raffle Prize Donation

Greetings:

My name is Bruce Rich, and I am the Fisheries Division Administrator for Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). We want to let you know that FWP will run a statewide raffle this season as an incentive to increase the number of boaters that stop at Watercraft Inspection Stations.

Each time a boater is inspected at one of FWP's 17 inspection stations, they'll receive a raffle ticket. I'm hoping you'll consider becoming a sponsor by contributing a tax-deductible donation (items or cash) for the raffle.

FWP has operated Watercraft Inspection Stations since 2004 to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS. These plants, weeds and tiny critters (like mussels and clams) can hitch a ride on boats and trailers; threatening our fish and ruining our lakes and rivers for generations to come. Unfortunately, of the 34,000 inspections last year, an average of less than 75% of boaters stopped at inspection stations, which is a fundamental and critical part of AIS prevention.

We believe, with your help and support, compliance will not only increase but will also lead to a renewed understanding of the important role inspection stations play in protecting Montana's waters. Your company's name and logo (if you have one) will be listed on FWP's website at fwp.mt.gov, posted at each inspection station, and circulated to other media.

Any donation is welcome, big or small. Please call or email Thomas Boos, FWP AIS Coordinator (tboos@mt.gov or 406-444-1267) for additional details, and thank you for considering a donation to help protect Montana's waters.

Sincerely,

Bruce Rich
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Enclosure: Official Rules and Process