



## Watercraft Inspection Program

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Regional Watercraft Inspection Program Supervisor

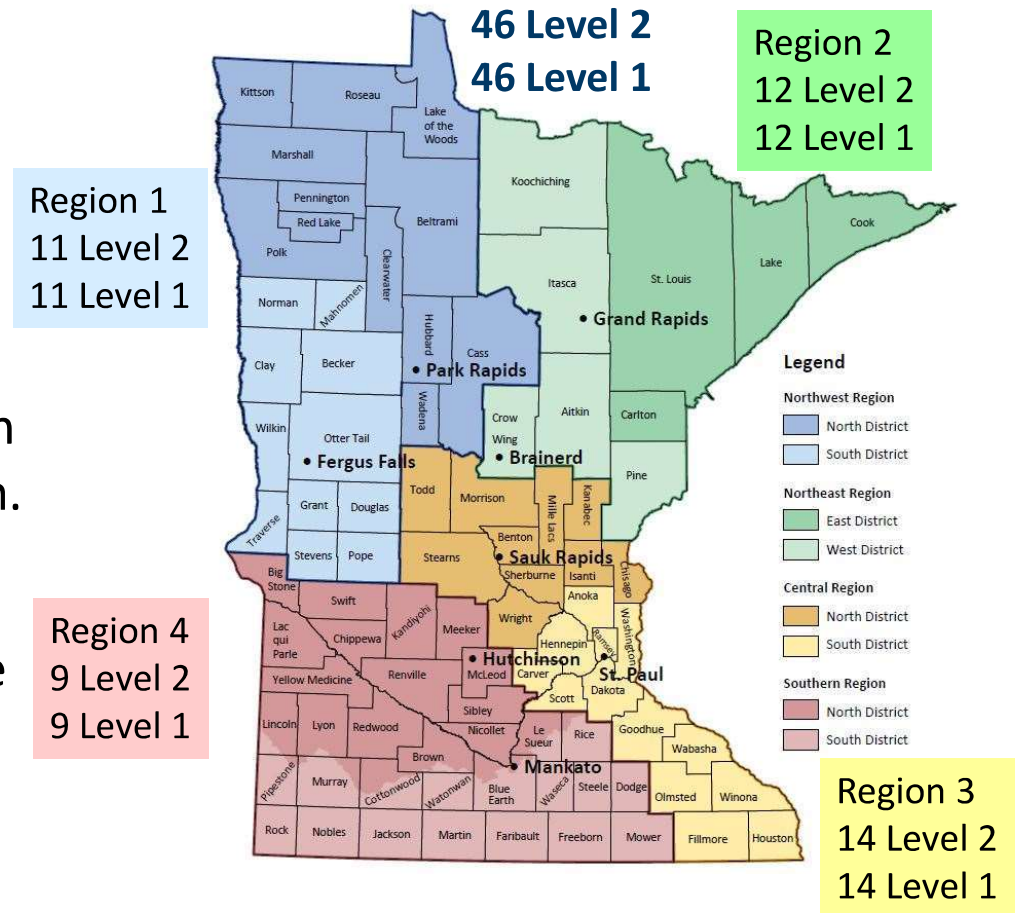
## Part of a Whole


The DNR has a wide variety of resource responsibilities. Divisions within a department are responsible for the management of specific resources.



# How is our program structured?

- Watercraft inspection is within the Invasive Species Program in the Division of Ecological and Water Resources.
- There are four administrative regions within the state. Each region has a watercraft inspection program.
- The program has a statewide WIP Coordinator located in central office in St. Paul.

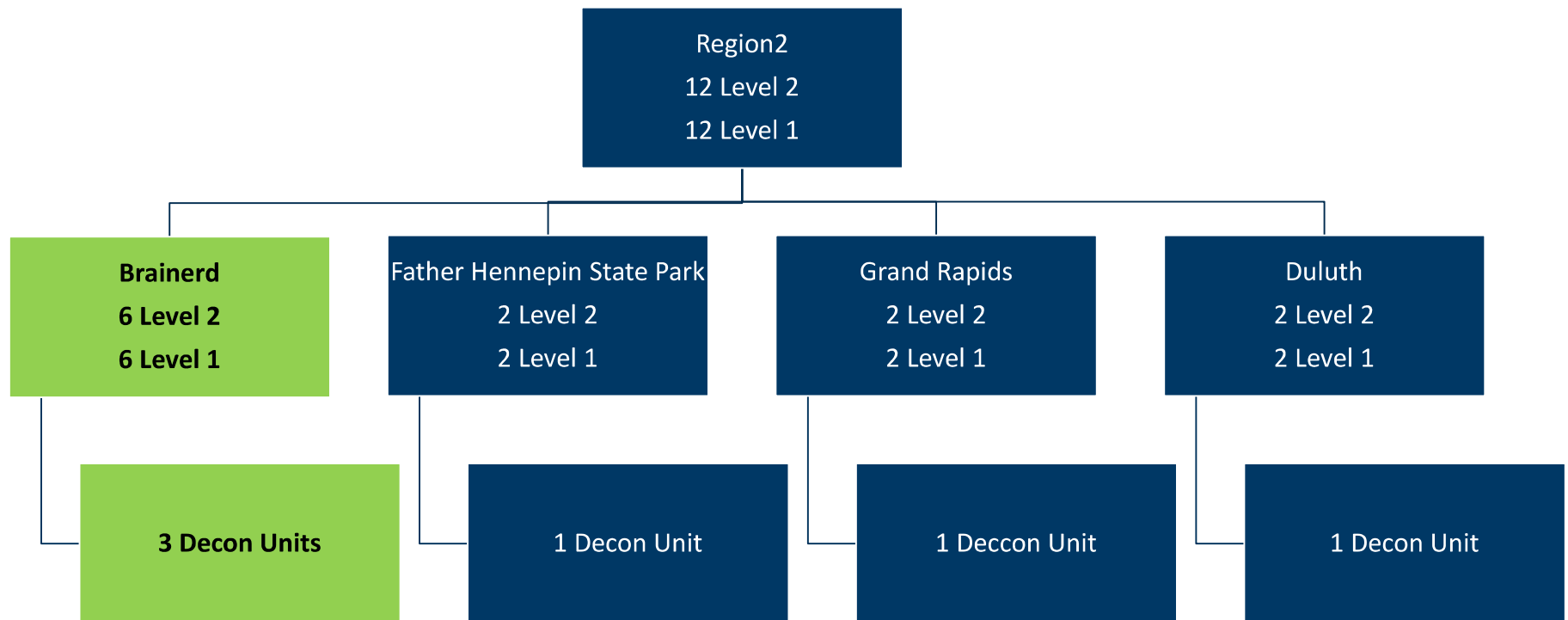




**Supervisor-Jessamyn Foley  
Program Assistant-Chad Burback  
Brainerd-9 Inspectors (up to 12)  
Father Hennepin-4 Inspectors  
Grand Rapids-2 Inspectors (up to 4)  
Duluth-4 Inspectors  
19 on the Crew in 2023, can have up to 24**

**2023 Northeast Watercraft Inspection Teams**

# Region 2 DNR Inspector Work Locations





# 2023 MN DNR Level 2 in Crow Wing County

- Bay Lake-19 days
- Clamshell-13 days
- Cross, SW-26 days
- Edward-1 day
- Gull East-17 days
- Lower Hay-19 days
- Mille Lacs, Garrison Wayside-18 days
- Nisswa-9 days
- North Long, Merrifield-9 days
- Pelican, City of Breezy Point-5 days
- Pelican, Halverson Bay-10 days
- Pennington Mine- 5 days
- Serpent, West City of Crosby-9 days
- Upper Whitefish-10 days

192  
Total  
Days!



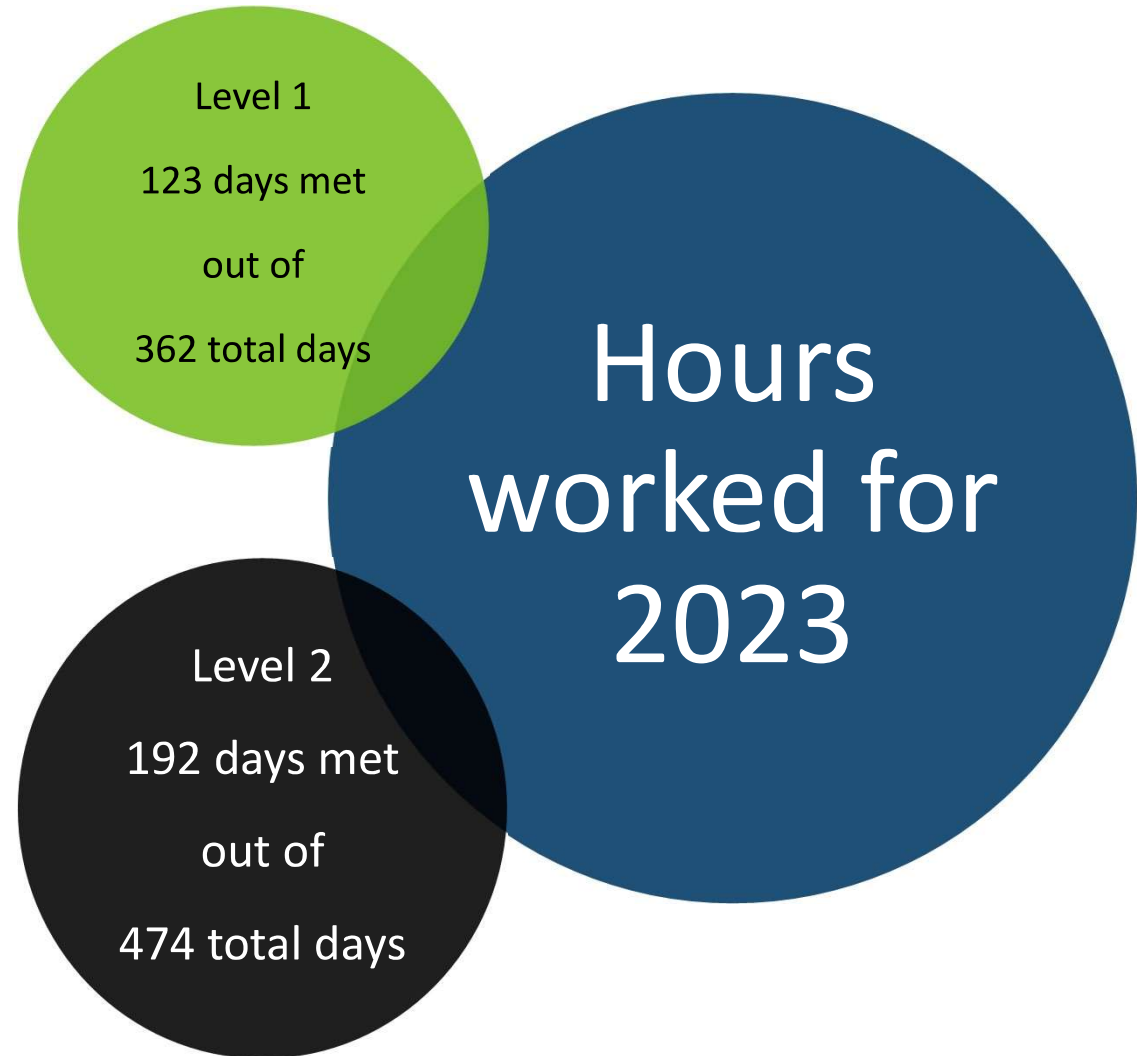
# 2023 MN DNR Level 1 in Crow Wing County

- Bay Lake-3 days
- Big Trout-4 days
- Clamshell-13 days
- Clearwater-2 days
- Crooked-3 days
- Cross, USACE Campground- 8 days
- Cross, SW-3 days
- Edward-6 days
- Emily-1 day
- Gladstone- 2
- Gull East-4 days
- Horseshoe-2 days
- Hubert-6 days
- Kimball-1 day
- Lower Cullen-1 day
- Lower Hay-1 day
- Lower Mission- 1 day
- Lower South Long-2 days
- Mississippi River, Fort Ripley-2 days
- Mississippi River, Crow Wing State Park- 1 day
- Nisswa-2 days
- North Long, 371- 6 days
- North Long, Merrifield-3 days
- Pelican, Jones Bay-16 days
- Pelican, City of Breezy Point-2 days
- Pelican, Halverson Bay- 6 days
- Rice Lake- 1 day
- Round Lake- 1 day
- Serpent, East- 2 days
- Serpent, West- 1 day
- Upper Hay- 1 day
- White Sand- 3 days
- Upper Whitefish- 2 days
- Rabbit, West Rabbit- 2 days



123  
Total  
Days!

- We were not fully staffed this season
- 4 Level 2 through June, then down to 3
- Hired 2 additional Level 2's in July
  - 5 total July-October
  - 1 Vacancy remaining
- Only 4/6 Level 1 Interns





## 2023 Inspections done by Region 2

Type of Inspection	Total
Courtesy	94
Entering	5628
Exiting	4215
Lift	40
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9977</b>



Type of equipment	Total
<b>Boat Lift/Dock</b>	<b>40</b>
Sailboat	14
Jon Boat	86
Cabin Cruiser	129
Canoe/kayak	166
LSP Barge/Pontoon	192
Wakesport Boat	312
Personal Watercraft	585
Runabout	1011
Pontoon	1291
Fishing Boat	6151
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9977</b>

## 2023 vs 2022 Decontaminations in Region 2

2023 Type of Decon	
Courtesy	47
Entering	33
Exiting	353
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>433/9977</b>
Percentage of inspected boats decontaminated	4.33%

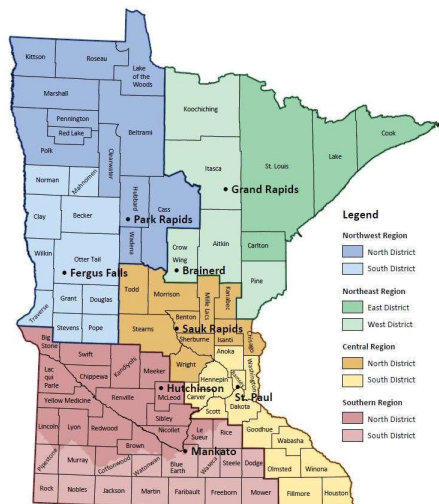
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2022 Type of Decon	
Courtesy	37
Entering	21
Exiting	211
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>269/9146</b>
Percentage of inspected boats decontaminated	2.94%



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# AIS Roadside Check Stations



- 5/26/2023-Uppgaard WMA-Hwy 16-Crow Wing County
  - 27 inspections, 26% violation rate
- 6/3/2023 Malmo Public Water Access-Aitkin County
  - 15 inspections, 20% violation rate
- 7/22/2023-Saginaw Scales-St. Louis County
  - 49 inspections, 47% violation rate
- 9/29/2023-Anchor Lake Rest Area, St. Louis County
  - 25 inspections, 0% violation rate

## Zebra Mussel Sniffing Dogs





# 50 Foot Houseboat Decontamination



Level 2 Inspectors MN DNR  
Jason Gildart  
Tyler Wilcox



Dave Johnson-owner  
John Utecht-North St. Louis SWCD  
Adam Doll-MN DNR  
Jessamyn Foley-MN DNR  
Chad Burbach-MN DNR





All Clean!!



# Take the Pledge!!



- ✓ Share the message
- ✓ Reiterate the benefits of inspecting watercraft
- ✓ Do your part
  - ✓ Clean
  - ✓ Drain
  - ✓ Dispose
  - ✓ Dry
  - ✓ Never Release

# Take the Pledge!!



- Go to: [mndnr.gov/AISPledge](http://mndnr.gov/AISPledge)
- Add your name to the list
- See who has already taken the pledge!!

# Thank You!

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