

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) in Kansas include:



Asian Carp

- Dangerous – can jump several feet into the air.
- When young, often mistaken for wild-caught bait fish.
- Outcompete native fish for food.



Zebra Mussels

- Attach to and completely cover solid surfaces.
- Cause damage to boating equipment.
- Clog intake pipes for water treatment and electric plants.
- Razor-like shells are a danger to swimmers.



White Perch

- Associated with declines in walleye and bass populations.
- Feed heavily on baitfish utilized by other species.
- Look like and hybridize with native White Bass.



Eurasian Watermilfoil

- Covers the water surface completely, making recreation difficult.
- Dense canopy eliminates beneficial native plants.

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Be on the watch for other ANS that threaten Kansas waters:



Rusty
Crayfish



New
Zealand
Mudsnaill



Snakehead
Fish

Report

To report new ANS sightings, call the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Research and Survey Office at **620.342.0658** or visit ProtectKSWaters.org.



STOP Aquatic Nuisance Species from destroying the waters you enjoy.

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Enjoy Kansas waters today and protect our waters for years to come.

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) impact YOU. They cause damage to your lake, your wallet, your recreation, and your way of life.

ANS are:

- Any non-native species (animal or plant) that harms Kansas waters.
- A billion-dollar threat to boating, fishing, industry, agriculture, and municipal water supplies.
- Usually spread by “hitching” a ride with anglers, boaters or other outdoor recreationists.

ANS and the Law

- It is illegal to transport live ANS.
- Livewells and bilges must be drained and drain plugs removed before transport.
- Live fish cannot be transported from ANS Designated Waters; visit ProtectKSWaters.org for a list of these waters.
- Dispose of unused bait on land or in an approved bait receptacle.

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What Can I Do? **Clean**

Remove all plants, animals, and mud and thoroughly wash everything, especially crevices and hidden areas.



Drain

Eliminate all water before leaving the area, including livewells, ballast, and engine cooling water. Dispose of unused bait on land or in an approved bait receptacle.



Dry

Allow five days for your boat to completely dry before transporting to other waters.



If your boat has been in an ANS Designated Water and you cannot perform the required steps above, have your boat professionally decontaminated with high-pressure, hot water (> 120°F).