

Status of Nevada's AIS Program

Statewide & Tahoe Basin

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AB167 Aquatic Invasive Species

- Passed Legislature and signed by Governor 2011
- Bill Included:
 - Authority for inspection
 - Authority to decontaminate a vessel leaving an impaired body of water and entering another body of water in the State
 - Authority to impound or quarantine a vessel if person refuses
 - Provides penalties for knowingly introducing AIS into Nevada's waters
 - Provides for an annual AIS "Sticker"
 for motorized and non-motorized watercraft
 - LCB codified bill: January 2012

Status of AIS Implementation

- Regulations to LCB and Wildlife Commission
 - Spring 2012
- Implementation of Sticker Decal
 - January 2013
- Coordination and Collaboration
 - Western Regional Panel: Federal/State/Interstate
 - Western Invasive Species Coordinators: State/Interstate
 - Interagency Quagga Mussel Team: Southern NV
 - Lake Tahoe AIS Coordination Committee
 - Northern NV Quagga Task Force
 - □ ~20 Federal, State/Interstate & Tribal Entities

Status of AIS Implementation

- Priority AIS Projects
 - Develop & Implement Nevada's AIS Management Plan
 - Northern NV Quagga Task Force
 - Regional Approach with NV State Parks, TRPA, USF&WS,
 Truckee Regional AIS Prevention Program, Tahoe Resource
 Conservation District, BOR & others
 - AIS Inspection & Decontamination Protocols
 - 2012 Lahontan & Rye Patch Reservoirs w/NV State Parks
 - 2012 Wildhorse Reservoir w/NV State Park
 - Lake Mead Working with NPS



Why Collaborate?

- Regional AIS Threats
 - Eurasian Milfoil
 - Didymo (algae), New Zealand Mud Snail, Asian Clams & Quagga/Zebra Mussels
 - Illegal Introduction of Fish Species
 - Northern Pike, Snakeheads, Asian Carp
 - Black Bass in Tahoe
- Expertise and Experience Implementing Inspection & Decontamination Stations
- Provides the Public with a Uniform Message to

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