

Aquatic Invasive Species Identification and Control: How To *Not* Be a Vector

Feb 24, 2009, 1:00 – 5:00 pm and Feb 25, 8:00 – 11:30 am

The Riverhouse Resort, 3075 N. Business 97, Bend, Oregon

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Sponsors and instructors include: the Oregon Chapter AFS, U. S. Geological Survey, 100th Meridian Columbia River Basin Team, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Marine Board, Oregon Sea Grant, U. S. Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management, and Portland State University Center for Lakes and Reservoirs

This full day workshop will include an overview and identification of aquatic invasive species of concern in the Pacific Northwest. We will present some basic biology, distribution, and life history traits as to why these species are “good invaders” and why we should be concerned. We will focus on pathways and vectors for invasive species as they relate to fishery professionals and recreationists out in the field. The workshop will cover procedures for decontaminating field gear, such as waders, boots, nets, etc. that can be used in the field and back at the office, lab or home. We will present current legislative, policy and/or enforcement topics and procedures in the region. At the end of the training attendees will receive a Level I certificate for Watercraft Inspection training for invasive species. The following topics will be included:

- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) threatening the Pacific Northwest
- Aquatic Invasive Species identification
- Pathways and vectors
- Field gear decontamination procedures
- Level I Watercraft Inspection training certificate
- Current legislature, policy and enforcement procedures for AIS
- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point Planning (HACCP) overview
- Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program (AREMP) AIS procedures