



## Montana Aquatic Invasive Species Summit 2025

Montana Wild, Helena

October 29-30<sup>th</sup>

[Teams Meeting Link](#)

### Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss 2025 season accomplishments and plans for 2026.
- Discuss regional AIS detections and strategies to address traffic from those areas.
- Review rapid response strategy and planning.
- Identify partnership and collaboration opportunities to improve AIS prevention, early detection, outreach and response preparedness.

### Agenda Day 1: Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 Introductions
- 1:20 Welcome
- 1:40: Early Detection & Treatment
- 2:00: Prevention and Watercraft Inspection
- 2:20 AIS Outreach and Marketing Campaigns
- 2:40 Break
- 3:00 Partner Lighting Round: AIS Accomplishments, Successes, Needs and Challenges (5 min updates followed by discussion).

Blackfeet Nation  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  
Beaverhead Conservation District  
McCone Conservation District  
Missoula County  
City of Whitefish  
Flathead Biological Station.  
Western Montana Conservation Commission

4:00 Uh Oh, We Found Something. What Next?: Panel Discussion

4:50 Review the Day's Discussions

5:00 Adjourn Day 1

5:30 Follow-up AIS Discussion: Brewhouse Downstairs

## **Agenda Day 2: Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 Welcome and Day 1 Recap

8:40 Persistent Challenges: Group Discussion

- Enforcement
- Nigh Operations
- QA/QC
- Staff Moral
- Eureka Station Location
- Early Detection Capacity
- Other Challenges

9:20 The Changing Landscape of AIS in the Region

10:00 Break

10:15 Mussels Detected! What now? Review of Montana's Invasive Mussel Response Guidelines.

11:15 Mussel Response: Other Needs and Considerations. Group Discussion.

11:50 Summit Summary and Next Steps

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