



TOWN OF COLUMBIA Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Awareness Knowledge Test

Directions: After reviewing the Town of Columbia (TOC) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Awareness course materials complete the test below. Bring the completed test with your completed Certification RE: Self-Study Regarding Non Native Aquatic Species Ordinance (Attachment B) to the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator will provide an Answer Key for you to self-evaluate your knowledge level as they process your certification to be a Qualified Inspector.

- 1.) The most effective option to stop the spread of AIS in a water body as Columbia Lake is:
 - a. Only use your watercraft on one or two other water bodies
 - b. Allow 'aquatic hitchhikers' to travel on your watercraft
 - c. Comprehensive AIS Prevention Plan including Inspection, Education, Monitoring
 - d. Do not empty aquarium plants and water in the lake

- 2.) Hydrilla, which can quickly disrupt a lake ecosystem as it grows in thick, matted layers, has been found in the following lake:
 - a. Andover
 - b. Columbia
 - c. Coventry
 - d. All of the above

- 3.) When leaving another water body, before leaving the boat launch one should CLEAN their watercraft and equipment by removing all visible plants etc before transporting equipment. You do not have to DRAIN live well water or engine cooling water.
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 4.) The negative impact of AIS includes:
 - a. Destroying natural habitat
 - b. Impeding recreational uses temporarily or permanently
 - c. Ongoing economic costs
 - d. All of the above

- 5.) When vegetation is found during an inspection to DISINFECT leave the boat launch area and either rinse the watercraft with a high-pressure washer and hot water or wet the watercraft with a bleach solution (1 oz per gallon) or Lysol soap for 10 minutes.
 - a. True
 - b. False



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- 6.) The definition of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) includes:
- Non-native plants, animals and pathogens that live primarily in water
 - Thrives in a new environment by competing with native plants
 - Can cause environmental damage, recreational loss and economic loss
 - All of the above
- 7.) Fanwort, an AIS with small flowers and submerged and floating leaves is in Mono Pond.
- True
 - False
- 8.) Transportation pathways for AIS include:
- Emptying bait containers in water bodies
 - Attaching to parts of motorized and non motorized watercraft
 - Transporting standing water in live wells, engine cooling water, internal compartments and bait buckets
 - All of the above
- 9.) In the Clean, Drain and Dry or Disinfect procedures to minimize ‘aquatic hitchhikers’ after visiting another waterway, one should DRY their watercraft and equipment in hot, sunny weather for a minimum of:
- 2 Days
 - 7 Days
 - 14 Days
 - 0 Days
- 10.) Columbia Lake’s Town Inspector and/or Qualified Inspector procedures include:
- Looking and feeling for signs of any vegetation, mussels, snails on all equipment
 - Checking for standing water
 - Removing the watercraft if one finds any vegetation, mussels, snails or standing water to Clean, Drain, Dry or Disinfect
 - All of the above
- 11.) If you have a non-motorized, hand carried watercraft, (kayak or canoe) that has been on another lake or river, you must self inspect for AIS and follow the CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY or DISINFECT procedures before launching on Columbia Lake.
- True
 - False



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- 12.) Prior to launching a watercraft the Town of Columbia (TOC) Town Ordinance 6-4 to include Launching of Watercraft from the Shoreline of Columbia Lake requires:
- a. All watercraft must be launched and removed from the Town Boat Launch only
 - b. A financial penalty of \$500 for each offense under the Ordinance
 - c. Town Inspectors be supervised by the resident State Trooper
 - d. Inspection of all watercraft be it by TOC Inspectors or Qualified Inspectors
- 13.) A resident of the Columbia Lake watershed area can disinfect watercraft in the watershed area allowing the water and soap or bleach used to disinfect to drain into culverts or catch basins that empty into the lake.
- a. True
 - b. False
- 14.) In Gardner Lake, Coventry Lake, Bolton Lake and Bashan Lake, AIS has been found and active measures are underway to minimize AIS threats.
- a. True
 - b. False

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