

**Bad Medicine Lake
Watercraft Inspection Program Report**

	Inspector Hrs billed	Total Inspections	Inspections Avg/hour	Enter from infested waters	Plants/Mud/Water on Arrival	Plug in
2018	799	1327	1.66	95 (12%)	176 (22%)	5
2019	808	1620	2	169 (19%)	117 (13%)	22

2020 Funding of AIS Inspections at Bad Medicine Lake Public Access

In the last few years, several BMLAA members have made donations for the specific purpose of fighting the threat of AIS on Bad Medicine Lake. At the end of 2019 those funds amounted to \$7355 and none had been spent. The primary weapon to fight AIS on Bad Medicine Lake has been the watercraft inspection program administered by Becker County and funded largely by the State of Minnesota. In reviewing that coverage, the board found that inspections were planned for the four busiest fishing days of the week but not for Monday thru Wednesday. As this was a significant gap in inspector coverage, discussions with Becker County led to the hiring of third inspector from Memorial Day thru Labor Day and a proposal that the lake association would, if needed, use the AIS fund to pay for 43 days of additional coverage (10 hrs per day at \$14 per hour).

Subsequently, it was learned that Bad Medicine Lake has about 800 hours “banked” for AIS purposes with Becker County, meaning the hours were budgeted for BML and they remain available to be credited for future AIS activities. Also, in June, Forest Township agreed to make available up to \$2500 for AIS inspections in 2020.

The net effect is that the number of days and hours an AIS inspector will be on duty at Bad Medicine Lake has been significantly increased for 2020 and, with the combination of funding resources available, there is good reason to believe AIS inspections can be maintained at this level for the foreseeable future.

2020 AIS Inspector Coverage at Bad Medicine Lake Public Access

Monday	9:00am – 7:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Thursday	6:00am – 4:00pm
Friday	6:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday	6:00am – 7:00pm
Sunday	6:00am – 7:00pm