

2024 Bad Medicine Lake AIS inspection facts:

1. In 2024, Becker County budgeted 500 hours of inspector time for Bad Medicine Lake. In 2024, 950 inspection hours were completed. Inspections began on 5/11. A 7-day-per-week schedule began 5/27 and continued through late August. Inspections continued through Labor Day 2024. 500 inspection hours have been allocated for the 2025 season.
2. The total number of inspections was 1292. 824 (63.7%) were on entry and 468 (36.3%) on exit.
3. May 11 was the busiest day with 38 inspections. 60 inspections were completed of the fishing opener weekend.
4. For the summer, Saturday was the busiest day of the week with 342 inspections followed by Sunday (318), Friday (187) and Monday (132).
5. For the summer, weekly inspection numbers were consistent from the fishing opener until the end of July and then dropped off substantially in August.
6. Fishing boats accounted for 77% of inspections followed by runabouts/ski boats (6.4%), pontoons (6.3%) canoes/kayaks (3%), personal watercraft (3.5%), wake boats (1%), and docks/lifts (<1%).
7. State of registration was overwhelmingly Minnesota (82%) followed by North Dakota (10%), and then 15 other states totaling about 8%.
8. For the 2024 inspection season, only 2 of 824 (.28%) of the boats entering Bad Medicine were found to have drain plugs in place on arrival. Inspectors found and removed plants, water or mud from 6 entering watercrafts (.75%).
9. No zebra mussels were detected by inspectors in 2024.
10. No referrals for decontamination were made from the Bad Medicine public access in 2024.
11. 22% of entering boaters reported last using their watercraft on a designated infested waterbody.