AIS Update

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2019 AIS Legislation

- Funding FY20-21: \$5.3 million.
 - \$4.6 million annual allocation FWP.
 - \$650,000 to DNRC for UC3, MISC and AIS grant program.
 - Hydro fee.
 - Prevention pass on fishing licenses.
 - Out of state motorized and non-motorized boat fee.
 - Bed tax
 - General fund from increased broker fees.
- Mandatory ballast boat decontamination.
 - Entering state and crossing west over Divide.

Program Changes 2019

- Changes to improve efficacy and efficiency.
- Moving some stations and closing others to more effectively address AIS transport risk.
- Program staff reorganization.
- Expanding partner participation for station operation.
- Expanding partner participation with monitoring and outreach.
- Renew Flathead inspection before launch rule.
- Updated data systems for inspection and monitoring.
- FWP lead for aquatic plant issues.



Watercraft Inspection 2019

- Over 45,000 inspections
- 30 inspection stations.
- Over 200 FWP and partner AIS staff.
- 11 Mussel fouled vessels
- Other contracted/partner stations
 - Conservation Districts,
 Glacier, Bighorn NRA,
 Whitefish Lake
- All using same data system, forms and base protocols.



P Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Stations



risk assessment screening, inspection and routing as needed

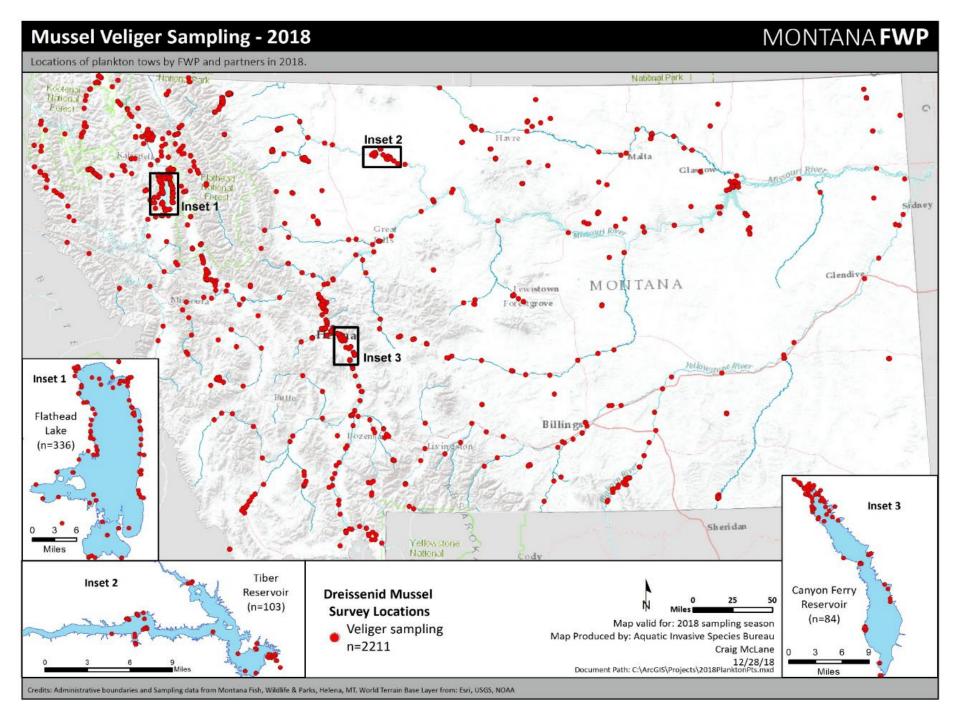
Fishing District

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Outreach 2019

- TV, radio, print and online outreach.
- Improved signage
- Targeted efforts to specific user groups.
- Irrigators and agriculture.
- Provide tools to partners to help deliver message.









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