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Please do your part to protect Wisconsin's great fishing from the VHS virus and other invasive species threats by following these simple steps:

-  **DRAIN** all water from your boat, PWC, motor, bilge, live wells, and fishing equipment including bait buckets and coolers before leaving the lake or shoreline.
-  **TAKE NO LIVE FISH** or fish eggs, including unused bait minnows, from these waters. Ice your catch and dispose of your minnows into covered waste barrels.
-  **BUY MINNOWS LOCALLY** from licensed Wisconsin bait dealers.
-  **INSPECT** and **REMOVE** all aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your boat, trailer, and equipment before leaving the landing.
-  **REPORT** large numbers of dead or dying fish to the DNR Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR (847-9367).








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