

Job Description:

Vermont Public Access Greeter Program – Lake Elmore

Aquatic invasive species are spread by overland transport of watercraft, trailers, fishing and recreational equipment. The most effective way to prevent spread is through education and equipment inspections to clean and remove potential invasive species “hitching a ride” on equipment. Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species is far more effective and economically sensible than eradicating invasive species once they are established. Public Access Greeters educate lake visitors about invasive species, provide courtesy watercraft inspections and STOP introductions.

This year we are limiting the greeter program to weekends and holidays only. Therefore, this part time position would require working Saturday and Sunday from May 26, 2018 through August 26, 2018 as well as Memorial Day and July 4.

Goals

To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by establishing a well-trained network of public access greeters who:

- Educate recreational boaters about the harmful effects of invasive species and what they can do to prevent spreading them.
- Provide courtesy boat inspections to encourage boaters to “do the right thing” to stop the spread of Aquatic invasive species.
- Stop invasive species introductions

Boat Access Greeter Duties

1. Approaching and interacting with boaters in a welcoming manner
2. Inspecting watercraft
3. Identifying and handling suspicious specimens
4. Collecting and reporting data
5. Distributing educational materials
6. Work with and report to on a regular basis members of the Lake Elmore Association and state officials

Training Requirement

Greeters are required to attend a *training workshop where they will learn:

1. Aquatic invasive species biology, threats to Vermont, and the importance of spread prevention
2. Hands-on aquatic invasive species identification
3. Access area rules and regulations, baitfish regulations, and invasive species laws
4. Invasive species messaging; tips on interacting with the public
5. Watercraft inspection and decontamination training

In the past, this training has been a 3-4 hr. workshop held in Berlin, VT.