



## Invitation to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual AIS Roundtable

*Do you want the Latest on How Zebra Mussels and Spiny Water Flea May Affect Your Lake and Sport Fish, or a Real-time Water Quality Monitoring Initiative?*

The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) wants to “kick-off” the summer season “at the lake” with its 8th annual Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Roundtable program Saturday, June 1 from 8:30AM to noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Crosslake. The program will be in-person with coffee and sweets as well as presented in a “virtual format” option again this year.

We invite our members, area lake association members, local government officials, neighbors, students and all interested persons to attend this “no-fee” event.



We are pleased to again offer a program with Dr. Nick Phelps, Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota and Director of the Minnesota AIS Research Center (MAISRC). He will provide a report updating AIS research successes and plans and new decision-making initiatives about AIS management. MAISRC research successes are the long-term key to managing AIS populations.

In addition to Dr. Phelps, we will also hear presentations from several graduate students on present AIS research for using eDNA in the detection of invasive species, presence and impacts on habitat and fish populations, and the further impacts invasive, hybrid cattails and zebra mussels on walleyes and water quality in our lakes and waterbodies.

Thanks to MAISRC’s research, invasive species can be located earlier, better response to new infestations is available, and new tools have been developed to control established populations.

For more than fifty (50) years and as a MAISRC partner, WAPOA has served an important mission of strong advocacy for actions to sustain and improve quality surface and ground water in the Whitefish Area and the Pine River Watershed. Please join us on Saturday, June 1. If questions, please contact Tom Watson, Past President at [twatson@iphouse.com](mailto:twatson@iphouse.com).