

## DCR Comet Pond Self-Certification Form

Please complete and *display this form on your dashboard* to certify your watercraft (boat, canoe, kayak) is clean prior to launching.

We are trying to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and need your help!

- AIS can dramatically impact and alter an ecosystem
- Some species seriously affect water quality, disrupt the food chain and compete with native species
- Many of our local ponds already have some invasive species
- AIS spread rapidly once introduced, are costly, and difficult or impossible to eradicate
- AIS may negatively affect fisheries, boating, swimming, and other recreational activities!



### SECTION A: Please answer the following questions

A. In the last **30 days**, has your boat been used in any of the following waters, all likely affected by invasive species:

*Laurel Lake, Lee/Lenox:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Twin Lakes, Connecticut:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Lake Sacandaga, New York:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Lake Champlain, Lake Horton, or Lake Bomoseen, Vermont:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Connecticut River:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Hudson River, NY:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Any other lake in NY:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

*Farmington River, CT:* yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

B. If you did not visit one of the water bodies listed above, where did you last launch your boat? \_\_\_\_\_

Is that water body infested with any aquatic invasive species that you are aware of? yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

If you answered “**no**” to all questions in Section A, and to the best of your knowledge your boat is clean and free of aquatic invasive species, sign this form on the reverse side, display your signature on your windshield, and launch your boat.

If you answered “**yes**” to any of questions above, please **DECONTAMINATE** as described in Section B.

## **SECTION B: Decontamination Procedures**

### **OPTION 1. Self-Decontamination**

**CLEAN** all plants, fish, mussels and mud from boat: yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

**DRAIN** all water (bilge, live wells, motor): yes\_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

**DRY** (at least one week in hot/dry weather; at least 18 days in cool/wet weather): yes \_\_\_\_\_ no\_\_\_\_\_

If you can't dry your watercraft for the necessary amount of time, **please WASH** your boat's hull, trailer, equipment, and all other exposed surfaces, including the inside of your bilge area, live well, and engine cooling system with (please circle your chosen method):

High- pressure hot water over 140 degrees Fahrenheit OR

Household Bleach (1 oz per gallon water) OR

100% vinegar OR

A solution of 1% Lysol or any other phenol based cleaner solution

### **OPTION 2. Professional Decontamination**

You may also use a professional car wash, provided it can apply scalding water (140 degrees F) to wash your boat and trailer and to flush your bilge, live wells and motor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Wash Company \_\_\_\_\_ Date

## **CERTIFICATE OF DECONTAMINATION**

My boat is CLEAN and I have not visited any waters listed in Section A OR I have decontaminated my boat and trailer as outlined in Section B

**Circle one-** Self-Decontamination      Professional Decontamination

**Sign & Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

(\*form not valid unless signed and dated)

**\*PLEASE DISPLAY THIS SIDE ON YOUR DASHBOARD\***