

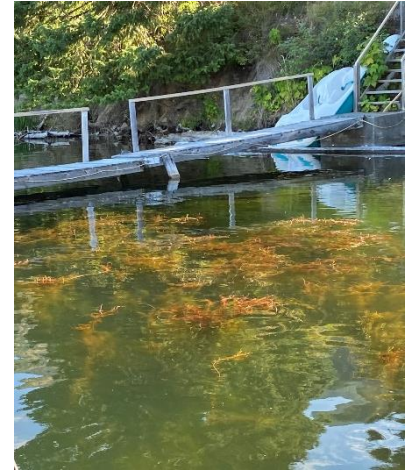
MANAGING AQUATIC INVASIVE PLANTS AROUND DOCKS

The Noxon-Cabinet Shoreline Coalition (Coalition) has a permit from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) for members to install bottom barriers (see below links) during the summer season. Typical installation occurs once spring runoff has subsided and reservoir elevations and flows are normal but before substantial vegetative growth has occurred. To apply for a permit, visit <https://ncshorelines.com/> and complete the short application form. To become a member of the Shoreline Coalition, complete the application on their coalition website.

Helpful hints for constructing and using bottom barriers are available at the Coalition's website (see address above), by contacting Coalition Directors Richard Reich (sterling.rich2001@gmail.com or 406-544-0005) or Rick Robinson (redcarpetrealtymontana@gmail.com or 406-239-7262), or the following YouTube video has instructions as well: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYfSC5n2HaA>

Barriers installed in the spring must be removed by October 1 to prevent sediment buildup on the top of the barrier (which promotes vegetative growth) and movement of the barrier by ice, which may send them through the dam.

Avista may have some materials available for constructing bottom barriers. Contact Arthur Potts if interested (Arthur.Potts@avistacorp.com or 406-847-1283).



In addition to bottom barriers, aquatic invasive weeds may be raked from the water to reduce interaction with boats and swimmers. Raked vegetation must be removed from the shoreline and from Avista property and properly disposed of by either drying and burning (burning is not allowed on Avista property) or sealing in plastic bags and disposing of in the trash. Composting is an option if the resultant compost will not be used near a waterbody.

You (as the dock permittee, shoreline property owner, etc.) are responsible for contacting both the Green Mountain Conservation District (GMCD) and Avista prior to work being done that involves any modification or potential impact to the shoreline, including vegetation and tree cutting. Visit <https://greenmountaincd.org/> or contact Arthur Potts (as above).

The Sanders County Aquatic Invasive Plants Task Force plans annual herbicide treatments of dense stands of aquatic invasive plants, generally targeted at Eurasian watermilfoil. To learn more, visit www.sanderscountyais.com or contact Kim McMahon, the Task Force Facilitator (kim.pinnacle.research@gmail.com or 406-546-2447).

