Rural Municipality of Prairie Lakes

Aquatic Invasive Species Mitigation Program
Pelican Lake

2026 Boating Season

May 2, 2026

2026 Program

- Inspection Staff Positions Filled
  - Municipal Watercraft Inspectors recalled – All staff returning
  - Ninette Watercraft Inspection site will be operated 7:00am – 10:00pm 7 days per week beginning May 4, 2026.

- One Waterbody Watercraft Decal Sales Started
  - Required to access Pelican Lake at the owner's preferred boat launch.
  - Watercraft Decals are available at the Municipal Office in Belmont during business hours Monday to Friday all season. All new applicants must contact the office.
  - Owners of watercraft having a 2025 decal obtaining a 2026 decal (a renewal) can obtain the decal at the AIS Office at the Ninette Boat Launch during inspection site hours, or the Municipal Office in Belmont.

2026 Program

- Watercraft Inspections
  - Watercraft Inspection Fees remain the same:
  - $40.00 for motorized watercraft
  - No Charge for non-motorized watercraft (ie: canoes, kayaks)

- Boat Exit Tag Process Remains
  - Non-decaled motorized boats may purchase an exit tag when leaving the Ninette boat launch.
  - $5.00 fee.
  - The tag is attached between the boat and the boat trailer. When the boat returns to launch and the tag is intact, the inspection fee is waived.

Manitoba Partnership Program

- The R.M. of Prairie Lakes AIS Mitigation Program for Pelican Lake has received funding from the Manitoba Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund.
- Grant allocation to support the 2026 program is $100,000.00
- We wish to acknowledge the support of the province and their confidence of the important work we are performing to protect Manitoba waterbodies, specifically Pelican Lake.

Update

- At the February Public Open House it was suggested that it would be of interest to know the reasons watercraft failed inspections in 2025.

- Watercraft are inspected to the province's requirements: Clean, Drain, Dry and Decontaminate (if required).

- 33 Watercraft Failed the Inspection and were denied entry to Pelican Lake.
  - 22 Watercraft last in an AIS Control Zone & not decontaminated.
  - 11 Watercraft last in a Restricted Access Zone & not decontaminated.

Grand Beach – October 2025

- The following pictures were taken of the West Beach area, showing zebra mussel damage.

- Grand Beach staff clear the beaches of zebra mussel shells during the summer season. The final two pictures show the storage location at Parking Lot 5.









