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### GOVERNOR DAYTON PROCLAIMS: CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY. DAY!

At the stroke of midnight on Saturday, May 14th, Governor Mark Dayton will cast his line, proclaim Clean Drain Dry Day, signaling the start to a time honored tradition, the Minnesota Fishing Opener! With over 1.6 million anglers hitting the water, fishing opener is the perfect opportunity to educate anglers on the importance of invasive species prevention.

Clean Drain Dry Day recognizes county partners, lake associations and the many advocates united under a common theme working to ensure clean water and a vibrant outdoor economy.

Crow Wing County recognizes that vibrant communities rely on healthy natural resources and citizens engaged in the fight against invasive species. "By presenting the Clean Drain Dry Proclamation at the 2016 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener, all outdoor recreational users are reminded to take action and become part of the solution for protecting our lakes and rivers," said Mark Liedl, Crow Wing County Land Services Director.

Minnesota is home to some of America's finest fishing and boating waters. Clean Drain Dry is simple and easy to do and, as the national prevention message, visitors from other states are likely to have seen the message and know how to help. Visual reminders are posted throughout the state on highway billboards, at gas stations, boat ramps, bait shops, social media and on mobile devices.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Department at (218) 824-1010 or [land.services@crowwing.us](mailto:land.services@crowwing.us) to discuss land use and water protection activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us)

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**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

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