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CROW WING COUNTY SEEKS SEASONAL WATERCRAFT INSPECTORS

Crow Wing County is currently hiring for seasonal watercraft inspectors. These positions conduct inspections of entering and exiting watercraft equipment at public water accesses. Inspectors will have frequent public contact with boaters to educate them about aquatic invasive species (AIS). Work is primarily Friday through Sunday with possibility for some weekday shifts.

The County encourages those who enjoy working outdoors and possess customer service skills to apply for a seasonal watercraft inspector position. Starting pay is \$14 per hour, dependent upon experience. These positions work from Fishing Opener in May until the season ends in October.

Those interested in applying to be a seasonal watercraft inspector may do so online at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/crowwingmn> or in person at the Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street, Suite 15, Brainerd, MN.

"These positions provide important face-to-face contact with the public to increase awareness and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the County's lakes and rivers," stated Nicole Erickson, Environmental Services Specialist.

The 2020 AIS Prevention Plan includes funding for 17,040 hours of watercraft inspections at 42 boat landings throughout the Crow Wing County this summer. Watercraft inspections were identified by lake associations and stakeholders as a top priority for AIS funding. AIS funding is allocated by the state legislature as part of the program aid given to Minnesota counties.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Department at (218) 824-1010 or landservices@crowwing.us to discuss AIS or other land use related activities.

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

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