



## OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### OREGON RESEARCHERS ASK BOATERS TO TAKE A SHORT SURVEY

Do you own a motorized boat, sailboat, raft, kayak, canoe or paddle board? If so, please take a few minutes to complete a survey to share your ideas about boating and aquatic invasive species. The survey is available at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AISboater> through Sept. 5, 2012.

This survey is part of a research project entitled “Regulatory and Outreach Strategies for Aquatic Invasive Species” that is being led by Oregon Sea Grant, Oregon State Marine Board, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Invasive Species Council. Aquatic invasive plants and animals negatively impact water resources that boaters use. The goal of the survey is to obtain boater input on invasive species issues, laws, actions to take, and ideas to improve invasive species prevention. It only should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions, or if you would like a paper copy of the survey, contact Dr. Sam Chan at [samuel.chan@oregonstate.edu](mailto:samuel.chan@oregonstate.edu). The National Sea Grant Law Center and the Oregon State Marine Board funded this research.

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*The Oregon Invasive Species Council was established by the Oregon Legislature in 2002. Its mission is to conduct a coordinated and comprehensive effort to keep invasive species out of Oregon and to eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of invasive species already established in Oregon. Current members of the council hail from the Northwest Weed Management Partnership, Turf Merchants, Inc., the Native Plant Society of Oregon, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Willowa Resources, USDA-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, US Forest Service, Oregon Marine Board, and Bureau of Land Management. In addition, agency representatives include Portland State University, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon State University, and Oregon Department of Agriculture.*