

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 6/7/2021

ISSUE:	ANS Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination (WID) Seal & WID Seal Receipt Alteration
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DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Program utilizes Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination (WID) seals that are affixed to watercraft along with a corresponding WID seal receipt to show proof of prior inspection and/or decontamination. Once properly affixed, the WID seal and WID seal receipt provides a verifiable inspection history for watercraft owners that under many circumstances expedites the next inspection.

It has been identified that boaters have found methods to alter WID seals and WID seal receipts. This alteration serves to provide misinformation to ANS inspectors in an effort to circumvent the inspection process. This misinformation has the potential to put Colorado's waters at an increased risk of invasion by ANS.

ANS inspectors are trained to detect known alteration methods, and have successfully intercepted tampered seals in the past. However, there is currently no regulation or statute that can be cited when a boater is found to have committed this action.

STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:

***IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.**

Stakeholders include:

- Colorado Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Members
- Watercraft Inspection & Decontamination Station Supervisors
- Boaters
- General Public

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1) **Preferred** - Amend Chapter P-8, #803-M to read:

M. Once a vessel or other floating device is inspected and/or decontaminated, a WID seal will be attached to the vessel or other floating device by a qualified peace officer, authorized agent, or private inspector/decontaminator. A WID seal receipt using the Division's form shall accompany all WID seals. WID seals shall be attached to a vessel or other floating device as specified by the Division. A WID seal, once properly attached to a vessel or other floating device by a qualified peace officer, authorized agent, or a private inspector/decontaminator, and when accompanied by the proper WID seal receipt, documents an inspection or decontamination procedure.

1. It is unlawful for any person to deface or tamper with, or attempt to deface or tamper with, any WID seal or WID seal receipt.
2. Any WID seal or WID seal receipt that has been defaced or tampered with is void. A vessel or other floating device bearing a void WID seal or WID seal receipt must be inspected prior to launch.
3. As used in this subsection M., "deface" and "tamper" have the meanings set forth in section 18-1-901, C.R.S.

AND

Amend Chapter P-8, #800-N To Read:

“WID seals” means a Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination ~~tamper proof device or marker,~~ including any attaching wire, that temporarily locks the vessel or other floating device to the trailer to indicate the vessel or other floating device has not launched since the last inspection or decontamination as documented on the accompanying WID seal receipt.

2) No Change

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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Aquatic	
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	