Leech Lake Association

AIS Plan: Actions Taken & Possible Next Steps

* AIS “Watch Card” created and mailed in May
* Spiny Water Flea cloths acquired and mailed in May
* Newsletter article about AIS – identification and actions boaters should take
* LLA Website updated with AIS information
* AIS information covered in new 2022 Lake Management Plan
* Cass County AIS: Five-Star Provider program for lake service providers
* Cass County & DNR continue inspections at launches
* Three new AIS Detectors certified on Leech Lake – project to visit all resorts once per year underway
* Cass AIS: Starry Trek to occur in August
* Starry Stonewort:
  + LLBO & DNR conducted DASH in Summer 2021
  + MAIRSC & DNR establishing research plots
  + LLBO & DNR to conduct hand-pulling and DASH in 2022
  + LLA made commitment to provide safety equipment
  + Cass AIS: AIS detection workshop occurred July 6 at City Park
  + Cass AIS: Starry Trek to occur in August
* CD3 contamination station located at Anderson’s Cove in Steamboat Bay

Other activities planned or could be done:

* Volunteers and/or equipment to assist in starry stonewort pulling
* Buoys to mark off starry stonewort infestation to limit boat traffic?
* Additional AIS Detectors trained?
* Spiny Water Flea monitoring (using plankton tow nets and sampling kits)
* Signs delivered to resorts? Other?
* Kiosks created for public accesses (AIS and other information)
* Follow progress of CD3 station & advocate for others, if successful
* Other???