

## Alberta Water Council Releases Report on Aquatic Invasive Species

On August 16, 2016, the Alberta Water Council (AWC) released a report entitled ***Recommendations to Improve Aquatic Invasive Species Management in Alberta***. The report is a result of the work of the AWC Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Project Team, which was established to identify gaps and opportunities to improve awareness, communication and coordination among stakeholders in Alberta that are working to prevent and manage threats of AIS, including plants, mussels, fish, amphibians, and snails.

The report includes seven recommendations to assist Alberta in improving its management of AIS. The recommendations also support work undertaken by the Government of Alberta to develop a provincial AIS management program.

The AWC report recognizes that many groups are already working to prevent AIS from entering Alberta and to manage existing threats; however, it stresses the need for continued leadership, expertise and support from the Government of Alberta, noting that a successful outcome will rely on collaboration with national, regional and local partners. More information about the AWC AIS Project Team is available [here](#).

The AAMDC continues to play an active role on the AWC Board of Directors and committees through representation by AAMDC Board of Directors, members and staff. The AWC recommendations regarding AIS is reflective of the AAMDC endorsed resolution 2-14F: Controlling and Enforcing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (Quagga and Zebra Mussels).

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