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Governor Dayton Proclaims: Clean Drain Dry Day!

Governor Mark Dayton will cast his line and officially proclaim, **Clean Drain Dry Day**, signaling the start to the Minnesota Fishing Opener on Saturday, May 12th! With over 1.6 million anglers hitting the waters, the Fishing Opener is the perfect opportunity to educate anglers on the importance of invasive species prevention.

Crow Wing County is committed to partnering with Lake Associations, DNR, and other organizations like Wildlife Forever to unite under a common theme of Clean Drain Dry to ensure clean waters, open access and a vibrant outdoor economy.

Crow Wing County recognizes that Minnesota communities rely on healthy natural resources and citizens engaged in the fight against invasive species. Jake Frie said: "By presenting the Clean Drain Dry Proclamation at the 2018 Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener, we are all reminded to take action and become part of the solution for protecting our lakes, rivers and streams."

Minnesota is home to some of America's finest fishing and boating waters. Clean Drain Dry is simple and only takes a few seconds to do. As the national AIS prevention message, visitors from other states are likely to have seen or heard about it from boat inspectors, on television, or new watercraft cleaning stations. Easy behaviors are also reiterated on highway billboards, print ads, even flyers in bait shops and store front windows.

Do your part this fishing and boating season: Clean. Drain. Dry. all boats, trailers and gear.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Office at (218) 824-1010 or landservices@crowwing.us to discuss land use activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.crowwing.us

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Our Vision: Being Minnesota's favorite place.

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

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