2019 AIS Legislation

• Funding FY20-21: $5.3 million.
  o $4.6 million annual allocation FWP.
  o $650,000 to DNRC for UC3, MISC and AIS grant program.
    ▪ Hydro fee.
    ▪ Prevention pass on fishing licenses.
    ▪ Out of state motorized and non-motorized boat fee.
    ▪ Bed tax
    ▪ General fund from increased broker fees.

• Mandatory ballast boat decontamination.
  o Entering state and crossing west over Divide.
Program Changes 2019

• Changes to improve efficacy and efficiency.
• Moving some stations and closing others to more effectively address AIS transport risk.
• Program staff reorganization.
• Expanding partner participation for station operation.
• Expanding partner participation with monitoring and outreach.
• Renew Flathead inspection before launch rule.
• Updated data systems for inspection and monitoring.
• FWP lead for aquatic plant issues.
Watercraft Inspection 2019

- Over 45,000 inspections
- 30 inspection stations.
- Over 200 FWP and partner AIS staff.
- 11 Mussel fouled vessels
- Other contracted/partner stations
  - Conservation Districts, Glacier, Bighorn NRA, Whitefish Lake
- All using same data system, forms and base protocols.
Outreach 2019

• TV, radio, print and online outreach.
• Improved signage
• Targeted efforts to specific user groups.
• Irrigators and agriculture.
• Provide tools to partners to help deliver message.