

**2019 Manitoba Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Offences and Fines  
For Individuals Transporting Watercraft or Water Related Equipment**

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Possessing, Transporting or Releasing Aquatic Invasive Species in Manitoba</b>	<b>Fine</b>
29.4(1) †	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Possess aquatic invasive species in Manitoba</li> <li>b) Bring aquatic invasive species into Manitoba</li> <li>c) Deposit or release aquatic invasive species into Manitoba</li> <li>d) Transport aquatic invasive species into Manitoba</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 1,296</li> <li>\$ 1,296</li> <li>\$ 2,542</li> <li>\$ 1,296</li> </ul>
<b>When Transporting Watercraft on Land</b>		
29.7(4) †	As operator of watercraft or motor vehicle transporting watercraft approaching a control station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fail to proceed directly to the station</li> <li>b) Fail to allow an inspection of watercraft, motor vehicle or water-related equipment</li> <li>c) Fail to provide assistance and information</li> <li>d) Fail to allow watercraft, motor vehicle or equipment to be cleaned</li> <li>e) Leave station without authorization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 672</li> <li>\$ 672</li> <li>\$ 672</li> <li>\$ 672</li> <li>\$ 672</li> </ul>
3(3) ††	Fail to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Open drain plugs and valves</li> <li>b) Remove aquatic invasive species and aquatic plants from motor vehicle or trailer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 237</li> <li>\$ 486</li> </ul>
<b>Before placing watercraft or water related equipment into water body</b>		
3(1) ††	Fail to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ensure that the watercraft is free of aquatic invasive species, aquatic plants and mud</li> <li>b) Remove standing water from watercraft and dispose of it on land so it does not drain into a water body.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 486</li> <li>\$ 486</li> </ul>
5 ††	Fail to ensure motor vehicle is free of aquatic invasive species, aquatic plants and mud before entering water body	\$ 486
7(1) ††	Fail to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Remove aquatic invasive species, aquatic plants and mud from water-related equipment</li> <li>b) Remove standing water from water related equipment and dispose of it on land so it does not drain into a water body</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 486</li> <li>\$ 486</li> </ul>
<b>When removing watercraft or water related equipment from water body</b>		
3(2) ††	Fail to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Fail to remove aquatic invasive species and aquatic plants</li> <li>b) Remove or open drain plugs and valves</li> <li>c) Drain all water from outboard motor</li> <li>d) Drain all water from ballast tanks</li> <li>e) Drain all water from live wells and other compartments that collect water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 486</li> <li>\$ 237</li> <li>\$ 237</li> <li>\$ 237</li> <li>\$ 237</li> </ul>
7(2) ††	Fail to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) remove aquatic invasive species and aquatic plants when removing water-related equipment from water body</li> <li>b) Fail to drain all water from water-related equipment before the equipment is transported from a water body</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$ 486</li> <li>\$ 486</li> </ul>
7(3) ††	Place water-related equipment into another water body before it is completely dry or decontaminated per Schedule B or C. (as found in the W65 Regulation)	\$ 1,296

† [Manitoba Water Protection Act \(W65\)](#)

†† [W65 – Regulation](#)



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Watercraft, water related equipment, unused bait and water from water body in a <u>control zone</u>		
17(1) †† 18 ††	Watercraft or water related equipment removed from water body in a control zone and placed into another water body without proper decontamination	\$ 2,542
20 ††	Possess unused bait in a control zone after leaving shore of water body	\$ 672
21 ††	Discharge water from a water body in a control zone into another water body or within 30 meters of another water body	\$ 2,542
Other Offences, Penalties and Reporting Violations		
29.9(3) †	Fail to ensure that a conveyance or water-related equipment does not come into contact with a water body until decontamination order has been complied with.	\$ 2,542
32(3) †	During inspection	
	a) Fail to provide assistance to officer b) Fail to provide information to officer	\$ 486 \$ 486
32.1(2) †	Fail to comply with signal from officer	\$ 1,296
33(1) †	a) Fail to comply with an order	\$ 1,296
	b) False statement to officer or inspector	\$ 672
	c) False statement in application or required document	\$ 672
	d) Hinder, obstruct or interfere with OR attempt to hinder, obstruct or interfere with officer, inspector or other person acting under authority of <i>The Water Protection Act</i>	\$ 2,542
35(4) †	Interfere with or harass a person who provides information regarding suspected violation	\$ 203
10(1) ††	Fail to notify AIS director when aquatic invasive species is discovered	\$ 298

**Note:** If an individual commits more than one offence, the fine for each offence can be imposed.

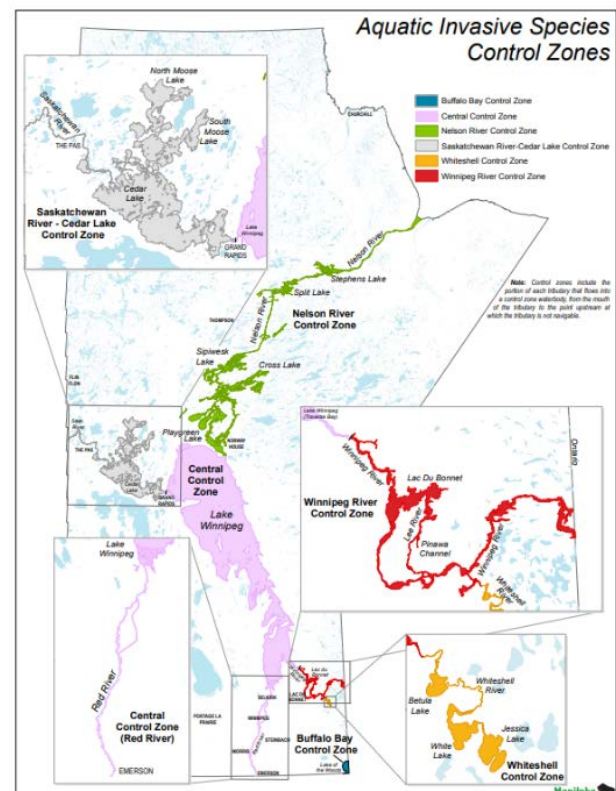
For example, if an individual transporting a watercraft on land approaches a watercraft inspection station (a control station), proceeds directly to the station but:

- Fails to allow an inspection of watercraft, motor vehicle or water-related equipment (\$672) and
- Fails to provide assistance and information (\$672) and
- Fails to allow watercraft, motor vehicle or equipment to be cleaned (\$672) and
- Tries to leave the station without authorization (\$672)

A fine of (\$672 x 4=) \$2,688 could be imposed.

**Maximum fines for individuals under provision 33(4)† are:**

- First offence, \$50,000 or 6 months imprisonment, or both.
- Each subsequent offence, \$100,000 or 12 months imprisonment, or both.



† [Manitoba Water Protection Act \(W65\)](#)

†† [W65 – Regulation](#)

**Note:** This table reflects only those AIS offences related to watercraft and water related equipment with fines for individuals. For more information on Aquatic Invasive Species and what you can do to stop the spread visit: [Manitoba.ca/StopAIS](http://Manitoba.ca/StopAIS)

