

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) including both plants and animals are a serious threat to Connecticut's waters; and

*W*HEREAS, AIS can reduce recreational opportunities, clog water intakes, decrease real estate values, alter the natural ecosystem of a waterbody and endanger human health; and

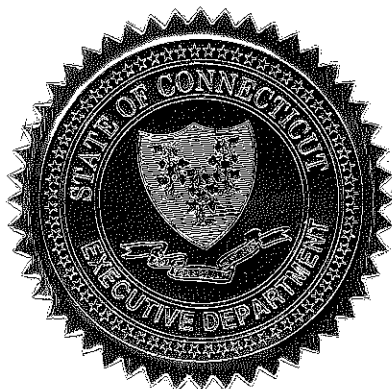
*W*HEREAS, Connecticut has more than 96,000 registered boaters, 180,000 anglers and many hundreds of thousands of shoreline residents and non-residents that utilize and enjoy our waters; and

*W*HEREAS, those recreating on Connecticut's waters can make a real difference by taking the simple steps to Clean – Drain – Dry their vessels and equipment to contain the spread of invasive species by removing animals, plant material and mud from boats, trailers and boating and fishing equipment including fishing waders; properly disposing of bait and aquarium plants; draining all water from their boats before leaving the waterbody and ensuring that boats and associated equipment are dried according to the Best Management Practices for Clean, Drain, Dry protocols; and

*W*HEREAS, I urge all those enjoying Connecticut's waters to join DEEP and its many partners to become knowledgeable and take action against the threats posed by Aquatic Invasive Species; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby honor and recognize July 15, 2017 as

CLEAN-DRAIN-DRY WEEKEND
in the State of Connecticut.




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