**Clean**

*Inspect and clean* off visible plants, animals and mud from wetsuit, dry suit, mask, snorkel, fins, buoyancy compensator (BC), regulator, cylinder, weight belt, watercraft, motor, and trailer before leaving water access.

*Soak* gear used in saltwater dives in 5% dishwashing liquid solution (1 cup/gallon) or gear used in freshwater dives in 3.5% salt solution, (½ cup/gallon) for 30 minutes.

*Rinse* inside and outside of gear with hot water, when possible.

**Drain**

water from BC, regulator, cylinder boot, watercraft, motor, and any water containing devices *before leaving water access.*

**Dry**

everything *five days* or more when moving between waters to kill small species not easily seen *OR wipe* with a towel *before reuse.*

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Help Protect OUR Waters!

Aquatic nuisance species are plants and animals introduced into waters that cause ecological and/or economic harm if established. Help the Wildlife Commission protect our waters by following guidelines to prevent the spread of ANS. For more information visit:

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