

Chinese Mystery Snail found in West Twin Lake

Chinese mystery snail is an aquatic invasive species (AIS) that has recently been discovered in West Twin Lake. Mystery snails present a problem because they are known to have rapid population growth which allows them to outcompete native species for food and habitat. They also serve as an intermediate host for parasitic worms which can be transmitted to waterfowl, resulting in waterfowl death. The Chinese mystery snail was found to be present at several different locations all around West Twin Lake. Since the infestation appears to cover the entire lake, eradication of the species is nearly impossible, but there are things that can be done to help and prevent this aquatic invader from spreading to other lake systems.