

The background of the entire image is a light gray gradient. Scattered across this background are numerous water droplets of various sizes and shapes. Some are large and prominent, while others are small and subtle. The droplets have a realistic appearance with highlights and shadows, suggesting they are on a smooth surface.

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WHAT ARE ANS?

- 1. PLANT, ANIMAL OR PATHOGEN
- 2. OUTSIDE OF ITS NATIVE RANGE
- 3. THREATENS- native species, ecological stability, or commercial/recreational activities.

EXAMPLES OF ANS



Lake Ashtabula- zebra mussels



Raleigh Reservoir- curly-leaf pondweed



James River- silver Carp

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

- North Dakota only has 6 ANS and their distribution in the state is limited
- Once in the water, ANS are nearly impossible to eradicate and control options can be very expensive. The cost of mitigating/controlling of ANS in the Great Lakes alone is over 100 million, annually
- North Dakota is blessed with incredible water resources and ANS can negatively impact recreation, angling, water infrastructure, water supply, agriculture, property values, tourism and much more



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW

- Public education is the number 1 tool to slowing/stopping the spread of ANS
- ALL water users must take steps to prevent the spread of ANS
- Talk to others about the importance of this issue

Clean- All watercraft, fishing equipment, watersports gear, buoys, life jackets, anchors

Drain- Live wells, bilges, ballast tanks, interior compartments, and all water storage devices

Dry- Everything that's been in the water before its next use

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW (CONT.)

- Never release a pet into the wild
- Choose native plant options when aquatic landscaping or gardening
- Do not bring bait from outside of North Dakota
- Dry docks/lifts for a minimum of 21 days before placing in a new body of water
- Know and follow all ANS regulations found on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Website



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Take Time To:

- Learn the steps to prevent the spread of ANS
 - Share ANS information with others
 - Help protect and preserve our water resources
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