

MBSS Decontamination Procedures for Boots and Equipment



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Why decontaminate?

Helps prevent the introduction and spread of nuisance organisms and pathogens



Didymo



Chytrid fungus



Whirling disease



Box turtle with ranavirus by: Scott Farnsworth

Ranavirus



Largemouth bass virus



Avian influenza



Viral hemorrhagic septicemia

Statewide ban
on felt-soled
waders went
into effect
March 21,
2011, in
Maryland.



Felt can retain
and transfer
organisms and
pathogens at a
higher rate than
rubber.*

* Gates, K.K., C.S. Guy and A.V. Zale. 2008. Adherence of *Myxobolus cerebralis* myxospores to waders: Implications for disease dissemination. North American Journal of Fisheries Management 28: 1453-1458.

Decontaminate all boots and equipment that have come into contact with stream water

-Virkon Aquatic

- 2% solution = 2 scoops per gallon of water
- virucide/herbicide
- designed for use in aquaculture facilities
- 10 lb. tub is ~\$100
- powder is corrosive (eye and skin burns)



-10% Bleach solution (1 part bleach per 9 parts water)

- disinfect equipment at least 50 yards from water body

-Dry to touch, then dry for another 48+ hours

Other alternative solutions that are effective...

Disinfection Solution	Recommended Concentration	Dilution Formula	Minimum Exposure (Minutes)
Virkon® Aquatic Solution	1 % solution	10g per liter of water 1.3 oz./ gal (packets) 2.6 oz./ 2 gal (sprayer)	10
Chlorine Bleach	10% solution	100ml per liter of water 377 ml. / gal. 12.6 fl. oz. / gal. 1.6 cups / gal.	10
Lysol (or phenol-based product)	Full Strength	----	> 3
Salt	5 %, 50 ppt., 71,323 µS/cm	0.6 cups / gal. 1.2 cups / 2 gal.	10-30
Ethanol	50%	959 ml per liter of water (for 95% grade)	> 2
Hot Water	>140°F (60°C)		3-10



Soak equipment in disinfectant



Clean water rinse after soak



Take boots off before applying cleaning agent

A sprayer filled with cleaning agent is an easy and effective way to disinfect between sites



- Take boots off before applying cleaning agent
- Disinfect any area that came into contact with water from a stream, lake, etc.



Didymo

Didymosphenia geminata

- Occurs in the Gunpowder River, Savage River, Big Hunting Creek and North Branch Potomac River
- Spreads rapidly
- Covers substrate when in bloom
- Feels like wet wool (not slimy like most algae)



Microscopic image of didymo cells



Didymo in the Gunpowder River

If you think you see Didymo...

- In a zip-top bag, place:
 - A sample from the center of the colony/mat with a small amount of stream water
 - A paper label with sample location & collection date in pencil
- Store on ice or in the refrigerator
- Call or email:

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Sample **must** be received by DNR no more than 36 hours after collection