





CBI Newsletter

June 2021

The 2021 CBI Season is off and running!

Inspections started in early April, with the City of Ellsworth catching the early boaters. A majority of organizations began inspections on a rainy, cold Memorial Day Weekend. So far, between all of us, our CBIs have conducted over 25,000 inspections. That is with 49 lake associations and towns submitting their data online. It's shaping up to be another record breaking inspection year!

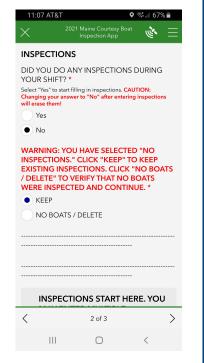




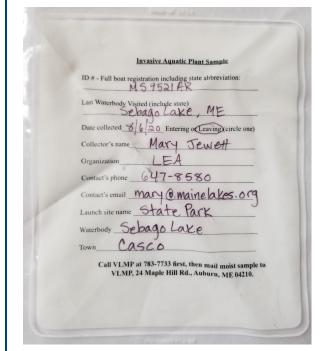
CBI Mobile App

This spring a few inspectors were accidentally deleting inspections in the app. In the inspections section of the app, you need to answer if you did inspections or not. You click "yes" if you did inspections and need to enter them. If you click "no" it means you didn't conduct inspections during that shift.

Up until now, if you accidentally click "no" after you have already entered inspections, they would be deleted. Becky Schaffner, the app developer from the DEP, has put in a failsafe to prevent this from occurring. Now, if you click the "no" option a warning message will pop up to make sure, sure, sure you aren't deleting inspections for that shift.



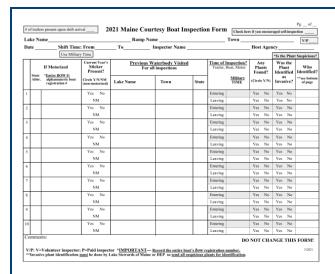
This is an automatic update, so you don't need to do anything to access this feature. If you have any questions about this, or if you are having other problems with the app, please email **Becky.Schaffner@maine.gov**.



Suspicious Plant Reporting

If an inspector finds a suspicious plant, they should fill out a sample bag (see example), and place the plant in the bag in water, keeping it cool. The plant should then be given to the CBI coordinator to evaluate the possibility of it being invasive. If there is any question remaining that it could be invasive, a photo of the sample should be sent to the Lake Stewards of Maine. The protocol for submission is on the LSM website. Click the link below to go directly to the page. It is important to keep the sample until LSM has contacted you with an ID or further instructions.

Submit a Plant for ID



CBI Program Resources

Are you looking for a training video? Do you need a copy of this years' inspection form? Are you helping someone download the data collection app? All of these resources, and more, can be found on LEA's website by **clicking here.**

If you can't find what you need please contact **mary@mainelakes.org** for help.

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