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### **Landing Blitz Event in Marquette Brings Awareness to Aquatic Invasive Species**

Marquette – Officials from Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO), the Department of Natural Resources and the Central Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (CUPCWMA) teamed up today to host an Aquatic Invasive Species “Landing Blitz” on the Dead River (Hoist) Basin in Negaunee Township.

“Upper Peninsula Power Company was pleased to be part of this event designed to educate people on what they can do to help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species throughout the Upper Peninsula,” said Barbara Siehr, UPPCO Chief Executive Officer. “UPPCO has been active over the years in combatting invasive species as part of our environmental commitment that we take very seriously.”

During the event, representatives from CUPCWMA, UPPCO and the DNR provided educational materials, answered questions and further discussed what can be done to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic species which can crowd out native species, disrupt lake ecosystems and interfere with boating, fishing, and other types of recreation. UPPCO monitors for Eurasian Water Milfoil and Purple Loosestrife at its hydroelectric basins to not only ensure proper operation its nearby renewable energy generation facilities, but protect the aquatic environment and the recreational resources the public enjoys at the projects.

For more information about aquatic and terrestrial invasive species visit [www.michigan.gov/Invasivespecies](http://www.michigan.gov/Invasivespecies) and [www.cupcwma.org](http://www.cupcwma.org).

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