Comfort Lake—Forest Lake Watershed District

2017 Watercraft Inspections

In 2017, CLFLWD and Minnesota DNR inspectors spent a total of 4,036 hours at landings in the CLFLWD inspecting watercraft and educating boaters. 8,240 inspections were completed this year. This is up from 4,033 inspections in 2016 and 3,877 inspections in 2015.

- **5.4%** of boaters entering the water had plants, animals, water, mud, etc. on their boat at the time of inspection. This can be compared to 2.4% in 2016 and 1.6% in 2015.

- **3.8%** of boaters arriving at the launch had their drain plug in at the time of inspection. This can be compared to 3.1% in 2016 and 4.8% in 2015.

- Inspectors averaged **1.7 inspections per hour**. This can be compared to 1.3 inspections per hour in 2016 and 1.1 inspections per hour in 2015.
Inspections were performed on:

- 171 watercraft that had previously been in spiny water flea-infested lakes. This can be compared to 231 watercraft in 2016.
- 14 watercraft that had previously been in starry stonewort-infested lakes. This can be compared to 83 watercraft in 2016.

Above: Flow map showing the vast array of lakes that were visited by watercraft before coming to either Forest Lake (red), Comfort Lake (blue), or Bone Lake (black). Each line represents at least one boater who traveled from another Minnesota lake into a CLFLWD lake.