

# 2020 Hubbard County AIS Program



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# COVID-19 Related Program Changes

- DNR Level 1 inspector training set for April 18, 2020 – **Cancelled**
- DNR Level 1 online training announced on April 30, 2020
- Began season on fishing opener with limited inspection staffing (23 lakes) due to the training delays.
- DNR Level 2 online training (returning inspectors only) announced on May 15, 2020
  - Only two returning Level 2 inspectors – not enough to staff decon station
- County Board made decision for departments to limit expenses by 20%
  - Altered inspection hour totals from 15,744 to 13,200
- County Board authorized decon station to open June 28, 2020
- Level 2 online training for all inspectors announced July 21, 2020

# Community Outreach Highlights

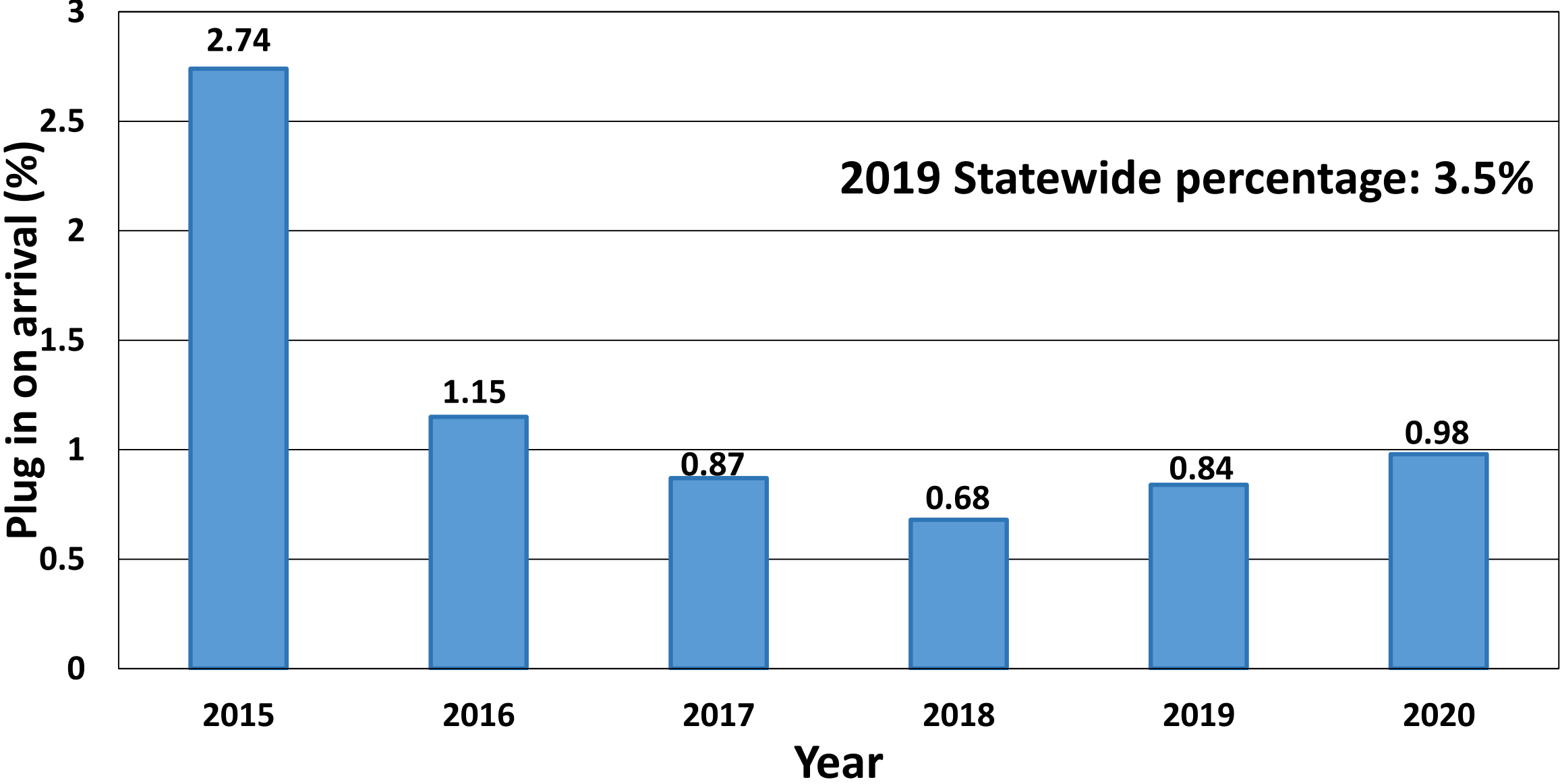
- 44 – Level 1 Inspectors, 5 – Level 2 Inspectors
- AIS prevention advertisements on KDKK, KXKK, KPRM
  - Decontamination, 21 day dry time, other AIS BMPs
- Movie theatre ad at the Park Theatre (COLA partnership) – limited due to COVID-19
- AIS billboard – US 71 south of Park Rapids (COLA partnership)
- Starry Trek – searched 10 accesses on 9 lakes in Nevis area

# Inspection Summary 2020

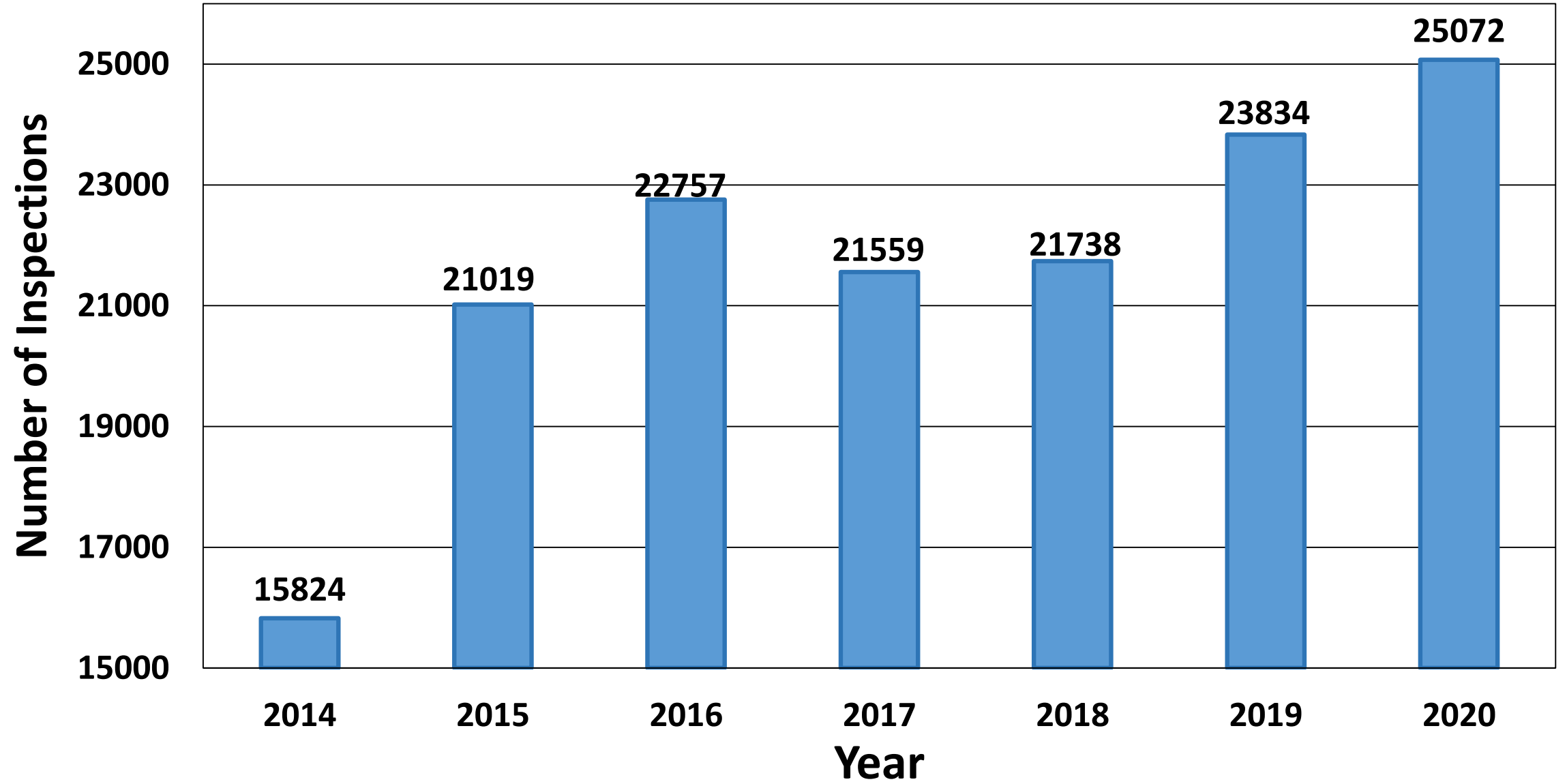
- Schedule just ended
- 13,200 hours worked
- Roughly 25,000 inspections
  - Currently completing survey data analysis
- 99.02% compliant with drain plug law
- 96.86% compliant with all other AIS laws
- 1.90 inspections per hour county wide average



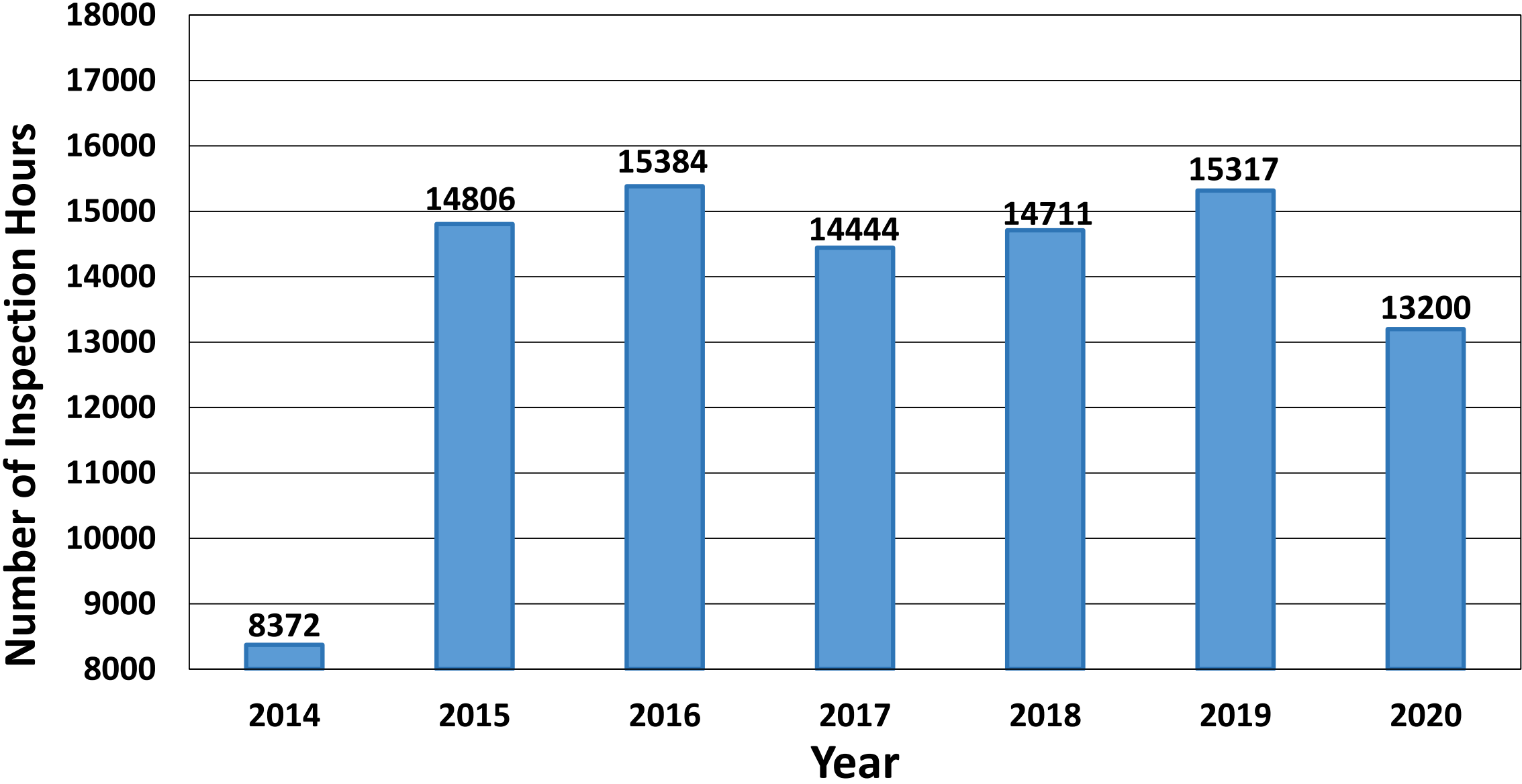
# Drain Plug in on Arrival



# Hubbard County AIS Inspections

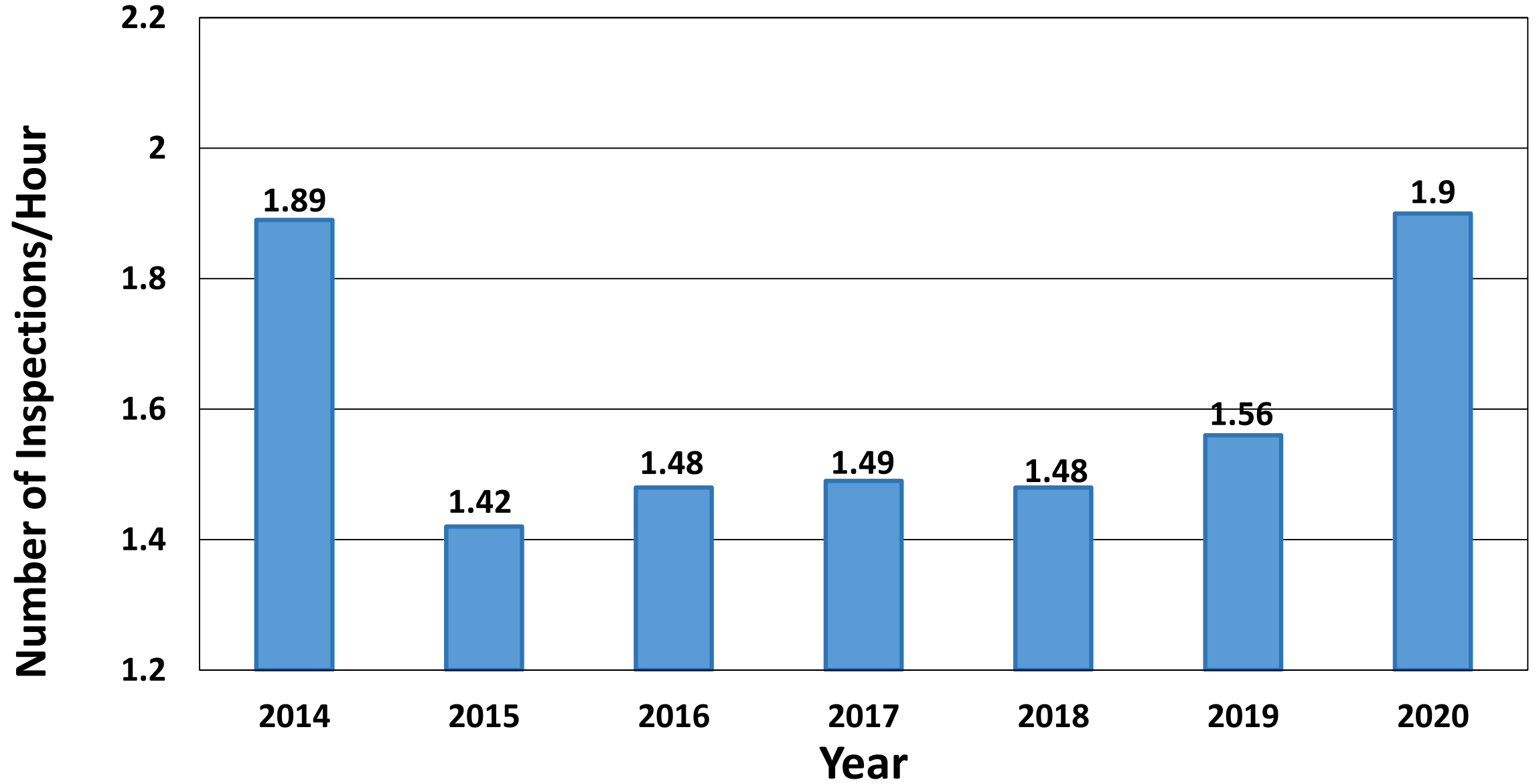


# Hubbard County AIS Inspection Hours





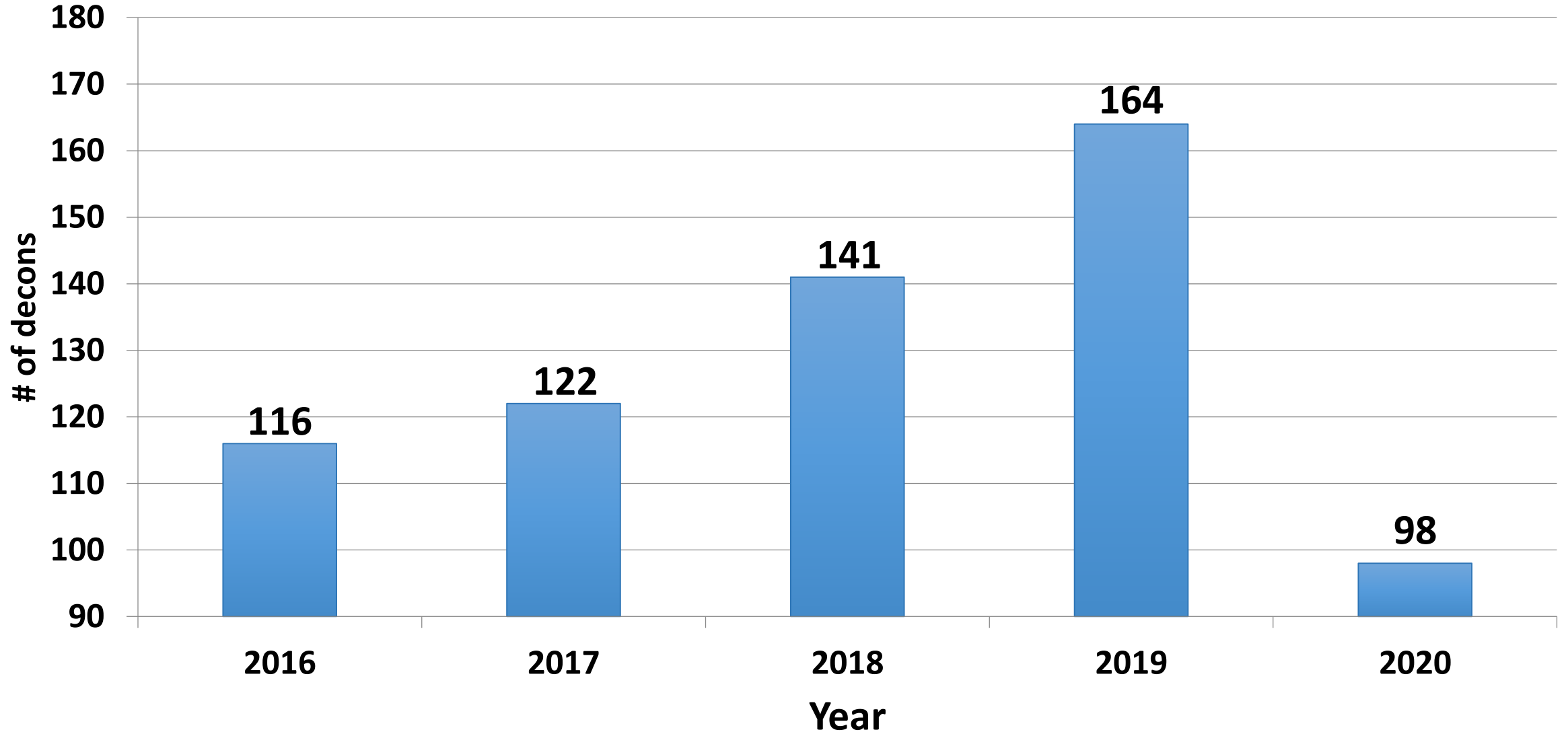
# Hubbard County AIS Inspections per Hour



# Decontamination Summary

- Located near the entrance of Hubbard County Transfer Station
- 2020 staffed June 28 through September
  - On-call 7 days a week: 10 AM - 6 PM
- Delayed start due to COVID-19 related training delays
- 4 primary decon inspectors
- 98 decons – closed for season 9/30/19
- No major issues or violations at decon in 2020

# Hubbard County Decon Data



# 2020 AIS Infested Waters Updates

- **Confirmed**

- **Big Mantrap** – Eurasian watermilfoil
- **Long** – Zebra mussels
- **Boulder** – Faucet snail



# Funding: Items to Note

- **2021 AIS Prevention Aid**
  - \$263,681
- **Lake Association Supplemental Funding**
  - Remains at \$21/hr for 2021
- **2021 Payment Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**
  - Roughly 8,500 State funded hours (similar to 2019)
    - Dependent on County Board budget decisions
  - Supplemental funding letters will go out in the next month

# Questions?

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