

**Aqua Cops Skit—Created and Performed by Mrs. Grabow’s 4th Grade Class
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Narrator: In the Illinois River, Where good fish once swam, Aquatic Invaders have created a jam

(Shae laying off to the side of the boat)

Codie: Look at all this stuff in the river!

Emily: We must be on the wrong side of the electric barrier!

Codie: Well let’s try to go fishing anyway.

Emily: I think I’ve caught something, help me reel it in!

Codie: There’s something on your net

Shae: I’m a Fishhook Flea and I am here to stay.

Emily: This looks like a job for the Aqua Cops!

(Aqeedah jumps in from side)

Shae: I clog up nets and make it hard to fish!

Aqeedah: You boaters need to help by cleaning your boats and fishing gear each time you leave a water body!

Codie: We’ll make sure to clean it!

(Aqeedah pulls Shae off to side)

Emily: I think I caught something else!

(Russ comes in with stuffed fish from side)

Codie: There is something stuck on your fish!

Russell: I’m a sea lamprey and I’m going to kill every fish in sight and you can’t stop me! HA HA!

Codie: This looks like a job for the Aqua Cops!

(Sariyah jumps in from wings)

Sariyah: NO! You can't kill all the fish because then we won't have any more fish to eat! The only way to stop you is with lampricide!

Russell: No! Not lampricide! AHHHH!
(Sariyah sprays Russ with "lampricide" and pulls him off stage)

(Mia jumps into boat)

Mia: I'm a silver carp and I take food from other fish!

Emily: This looks like a job for the Aqua Cops!

(Mitch come is from side)

Mitchell: I've been investigating you since 1993!

Mia: You can't stop me! I've already done too much damage!

Mitchell: Not anymore! We're putting in electric barriers!

(Mitch "zaps" Mia and pulls her off stage)

Codie: I think we should move to a different lake!

(Gavin comes in and hides next to boat)
(Emily and Codie try to row away, but Gavin holds oars back)

Emily: There is something caught on our oars!

Gavin: I'm water milfoil and I wrap around oars and other stuff like propellers.

Codie: This looks like a job for the Aqua Cops!

(Debbie jumps from side)

Debbie: We're going to have to chop you down!

Gavin: You will never get all the little fragments!

Debbie: The best way to make sure he hasn't gotten here in the first place is prevention!

(Debbie "chops" Gavin and pulls him off stage)
(Rebekah comes in from side carrying her aquarium and starts to dump it in river)
(Marshall comes and hides next to boat)

Codie: Hey look! It's Rebekah on the river bank!

Rebekah: You know how hard it can be to take care of fish everyday, I think I'm just going to set them free in this river.

Emily: STOP! Don't you know that invasive species can spread when you dump your aquarium fish and plants in the river!

(Marshall "surfaces")

Marshall: This River is too dirty! I think I'm going to scuba dive in another lake.

Codie: STOP! If you don't rinse off your equipment, fish and plants can escape into other water bodies!

Marshall: I'll make sure to do that!

Emily: If only everyone knew how to protect against invasive species!

(People come on with their posters and read each one in turn)

Narrator: These aren't the only invaders we have to worry about. To learn more about invaders and what you can do to help go to www.sgnis.org/kids and join the Super Sleuths and the Aqua Cops and together...

ALL: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

