

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE SPOTTED A QUAGGA OR ZEBRA MUSSELS?

REPORT IT TO ALBERTA'S INVASIVE SPECIES HOTLINE AT 1-855-336-BOAT (2628)

Quagga and Zebra Mussels move from lake by attaching themselves to boats and other recreational equipment. Quagga mussels are found in various parts of North America, such as in the Colorado River system in the US, a popular destination for Alberta snowbirds. Zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba in October 2013.

Here's how to keep Alberta waters free of Aquatic invasive species, and keep your boat and recreational equipment in ship-shape.

BOATERS

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY YOUR BOAT!

CLEAN

- * Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- * Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area dock
- * At home, soak our gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- * Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

DRAIN

- * On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from
- * Bait buckets
- * Ballasts
- * Bilges
- * Coolers
- * Internal compartments
- * Livewells. Etc.

DRY

- * Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- * Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES USERS

Remove any vegetation or clumps of mud or debris from the vehicle and thoroughly clean the underside of vehicles, tires and parts before moving to another area.

WHAT'S THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA DOING ABOUT AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES?

Environment and Parks is working closely with a variety of stakeholders. Together, we have developed a program that includes these components:

MONITORING/RAPID RESPONSE PLANNING/EDUCATION & OUTREACH/WATERCRAFT
INSPECTIONS/POLICIES

