

DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL



**INVASIVE MUSSELS COULD COST US
\$40 MILLION/YEAR**

WHAT IS AT **RISK** IN THE OKANAGAN?

- Our **beaches** – covered with sharp shells and the smell of decaying mussels
- Our **fish** and **lakes**, with potential collapse of our fishery and lake eco-system
- Safety of our **drinking water** from toxic algae
 - **Boats** and **motorcraft** with mussel clogged motors
- **Increased taxes** to help manage the infestation

HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE, **NOT** THE MUSSEL.

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Protect B.C. Waters from ZEBRA & QUAGGA MUSSELS



Zebra and quagga mussels are propeller blade shaped freshwater mussels that can reach up to 30mm in size.

They are not yet in British Columbia and pose a serious threat to native species in our lakes and rivers.

Live mussels attached to boats, other watercraft and recreational equipment can easily be transferred from one body of water to another. Mussel larvae can float undetected in water in bait buckets, live-wells, pumps and bilges.

Once introduced, zebra and quagga mussels are very difficult to eradicate and costly to remove. They threaten native species and fisheries, and increase maintenance costs of hydroelectric, domestic water, industrial, agricultural and recreational facilities.

Practicing CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY is key to stop invasive mussels from entering B.C.



CLEAN off all plants, animals and mud from your boat and equipment (e.g. boots, waders, fishing gear). Use available power washing stations.



DRAIN onto land all water from bait buckets, live-wells, pumps, motor, bilges, and remove drain plugs.



DRY all items completely before launching the watercraft into another body of water.

CHECK HIDING SPOTS FOR INVASIVE SPECIES:



REPORT INVASIVE MUSSELS: 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP)
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