

# DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL



## 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
- Okanagan **tourism** with fewer visitors due to fouled water, beaches and fishery
- **Real estate values**, especially waterfront property values
- **Increased taxes** to help manage the infestation

THE ARRIVAL OF INVASIVE MUSSELS IN THE OKANAGAN COULD COST OVER \$40 MILLION EACH YEAR.

**DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL** - Learn more.  
HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE, **NOT** THE MUSSEL.

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# Protect B.C. Waters from Zebra and Quagga Mussels



Zebra and quagga mussels are small, aquatic freshwater animals that attach themselves to boats, piers and other organisms. **These non-native mussels are not yet in B.C., but they pose a serious threat to our lakes.**



The mussels multiply rapidly and spread easily across waterways by "hitchhiking" on boats, trailers and fishing gear. Larvae may travel in items that hold water (e.g. buckets, wells, bilge).



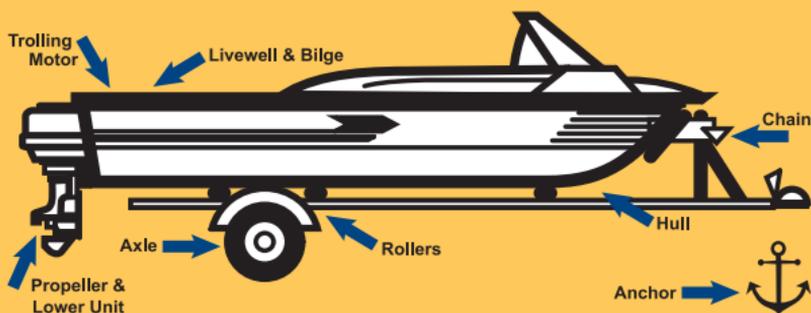
Once introduced, zebra and quagga mussels are impossible to eradicate and very costly to remove. They clog boat motors and intake lines, damage water-related infrastructure, impact local fisheries, affect water quality and irreversibly harm ecosystems and recreational beaches. Prevention is the key to stop invasive mussels entering British Columbia.

## CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY YOUR BOAT



- **CLEAN** off all plants, animals and mud from your boat and related equipment (e.g. boots, waders, fishing gear). If a power washing station is available, use it.
- **DRAIN** (on dry land) any item that can hold water (e.g. buckets, wells, bilge and ballast).
- **DRY** all items completely before launching the watercraft into another body of water.

## CHECK THESE COMMON HIDING SPOTS FOR INVASIVE SPECIES:



**REPORT ANY ZEBRA OR QUAGGA MUSSEL SIGHTING: 1 877 952-7277 (RAPP)**

[www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/invasive-species](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/invasive-species)



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