



**Dear Boater:**

**We are determined to try to keep Quagga Mussels and Zebra Mussels out of Lake Tahoe. We need your cooperation in keeping Tahoe Mussel Free!**

**IMPORTANT: Do not launch in Tahoe if your watercraft has been in known Quagga Mussel, Zebra Mussel or NZ Mudsnail contaminated lakes or reservoirs within the past 28 days. The following list details locations of concern:**

**KNOWN MUSSEL INFESTED WATERS:**

Central AZ Project Canal  
Colorado River  
Copper Basin Reservoir  
El Capitan Reservoir  
Dixon Reservoir  
Irvine Lake  
Lake Granby, CO  
Lake Havasu  
Lake Jennings  
Lake Mead  
Lake Miramar  
Lake Mohave

Lake Pleasant  
Lake Pueblo  
Lake Powell  
Lake Skinner  
Lower Otoy Reservoir  
Murray Reservoir  
San Justo Reservoir  
San Vincente Reservoir  
Eastern USA  
The Great Lakes  
Midwestern USA  
Kansas  
Oklahoma  
Nebraska  
Canada

**KNOWN SNAIL INFESTED WATERS:**

American River  
Calaveras River  
Lake Hodges  
Lake Shasta  
Mokelumne River  
Napa River  
Owens River  
Putah Creek  
Sacramento Delta  
San Lorenzo River

**Free boat washing (de-contamination) is available at several locations around the lake. Simply call 1-888-TAHO ANS and you will be directed to the nearest station.**

**Please, delay launching and call 1-888-TAHOE ANS to consult with an invasive species specialist - if you have any of the following conditions:**

*(See other side)*



Your boat has standing water in it, from outside the Tahoe area - there is possible contamination.

- If you trailer your boat with the plug in, and you have been on other waterbodies.
- Your boat has been out of water, for less than 28 days, after boating on any other waterbodies.
- You have an in-board engine, which has not been flushed with super-heated water, after last use on other waterbodies.
- If you have live wells that have not been flushed, after last use on other waterbodies.
- If your boat has water ballast (ski-boat/ sailboat) that have been used in other bodies of water in the past 28 days.
- If you have boating accessories such as rope, life jackets, back rests, boat covers that are damp from any other body of water.

### **Why we are concerned about Quagga Mussels and Zebra Mussels:**

- ❖ Quagga Mussels and Zebra Mussels offspring are microscopic and can hide and live in any damp or wet space for months.
- ❖ Once established in a body of water it is nearly impossible to remove them.
- ❖ They can be in a body of water, for a year, before they can be detected.
- ❖ When mature they can produce a million offspring, each year.
- ❖ They destroy the food chain; no food for little fish = no big fish.
- ❖ They cause millions of dollars of damage to shorezone structures, water intakes and recreational boats.
- ❖ They colonize water passages in boat engines, causing them to overheat.
- ❖ The shells of dead Quagga Mussels and Zebra Mussels are very sharp, so walking on the beach barefoot is hazardous.



**Quagga Mussels colonize rapidly on any boat surface**

**Thank you from every one who loves Lake Tahoe.**

**KEEP TAHOE MUSSEL FREE!**

**Thank you for pulling your plug and driving with your plug out!**

**For more information:**

**Tahoe Resource Conservation District & Tahoe Regional Planning Agency  
Aquatic Invasive Species Program**

**1- 888- TAHOE ANS**

[www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org)

[www.100thmeridian.org](http://www.100thmeridian.org)

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**1-775-832-1284**

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