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# PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## QUAGGA MUSSEL

### RESOURCES/FAQ

Follow the links for more information

What is a Quagga Mussel? [Small freshwater bivalve mollusk that exhibits many different morphs; \*Dreissena bugensis\* is an invasive aquatic species that grows to about an inch in diameter. Sometimes they are larger, sometimes they are microscopic.](#)

What is all of the fuss about? [These major biofouling organisms can clog water intake structures, such as pipes and screens; They reproduce quickly and in large numbers. Once established, there is virtually no chance of eradication from a waterway. Their establishment in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster.](#)

How can I help stop the spread of the Quagga Mussel? [Before leaving and before launching inspect everything;](#)

WHERE CAN I FIND TRAINING MATERIALS? [THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS A SLIDE SHOW;](#)

WHAT OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: [DREISSENA SPECIES FAQs, A CLOSER LOOK](#)

[THE 100<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN INITIATIVE:](#)

[PROTECT YOUR WATERS:](#)

[QUAGGA MUSSELS IN CALIFORNIA:](#)

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[QUAGGA MUSSEL CONTROL PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD:](#)

[INVASIVE MUSSELS FOUND AT CAP INTAKES ON LAKE HAVASU - AZ G&F DEPT.:](#)

[BOATERS URGED TO STOP SPREAD OF INVASIVE MUSSELS FROM LAKE MEAD- NEVADA DOW:](#)