

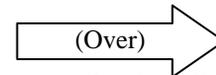


## Quagga and Zebra Mussel-Free Certification Save Time and Self-Certify!

**You are required to comply with Whiskeytown National Recreation Area's quagga and zebra mussel prevention program before you may launch your boat into Whiskeytown Lake.** For most boaters, this will be a simple process.

### Here's what you need to do before you launch:

- Look at the questions on the other side of this page.
  - If your answers to these questions tell you to get your boat professionally decontaminated before launching at Whiskeytown, you must do so!
  - If your boat is ready to launch now, just complete the self certification statement.
- Be sure to display the certificate though your windshield while your vehicle is parked in Whiskeytown National Recreation Area!** You can use the certificate all summer long, but you must ensure that your boat is clean each time you launch at Whiskeytown. Don't let mussels hitchhike on your boat!



In January 2007, quagga mussels were discovered in the Western U.S. This is the first time zebra or quagga mussels have been discovered west of the Rocky Mountains. Zebra and quagga mussels have already invaded much of the Eastern U.S.

Quagga and zebra mussels can be spread by your boat, but they cannot live out of the water for long periods of time. Simply washing boats and equipment and allowing it to fully dry is an effective way to reduce the risk of spreading these aquatic hitchhikers.

Zebra mussels and other harmful plants and animals may be hiding under your trim tabs, in your engine, or even on your anchor chain! Quagga and zebra mussels are microscopic in their earliest life stages, making them impossible to detect with a visual inspection.

Quagga and zebra mussels have the potential to:

- Disrupt the food chain and fishing
- Foul facilities like docks and ramps
- Encrust boats and clog engines
- Litter beaches with sharp smelly shells

If you have any questions, check with a park ranger or call 530-242-3400 or 242-3431  
For more information, visit [www.100thmeridian.org](http://www.100thmeridian.org) or [www.protectyourwaters.net](http://www.protectyourwaters.net)

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Has your boat been used in Riverside, San Diego, San Bernardino, Orange, or Imperial Counties, in waters of the Colorado River System (Lakes Mead, Havasu, or Mojave), or in waters east of the Rocky Mountains in the last 30 days?

YES

NO

Was your boat and trailer thoroughly washed and allowed to **completely** dry for at least 5 days since you last launched? You must have removed all dirt, plant and animal material, or grit from the boat. You must have drained and flushed all live wells and bilge areas. The boat must be allowed to dry for at least 5 days.

YES

**You are ready to launch!**  
Sign the certificate on page 3 and display it through your windshield at all times while your vehicle and boat trailer are at Whiskeytown.

NO

**You are required to decontaminate your boat and it must be inspected by an NPS employee prior to launching.**

*You should perform this simple screening every time you use your boat to protect all your favorite waters!*



# Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Program

This Certificate Must Be Visible  
Through Your Windshield

# MUSSEL FREE

Failure to display this certificate through the windshield of your vehicle while parked with an empty boat trailer could result in a citation

Quagga and Zebra Mussels Pose a Major Threat to Whiskeytown Lake!

**Mussels in Whiskeytown Lake could:**

- Disrupt the food chain and fishing
- Foul facilities like docks and ramps
- Encrust boats and clog engines
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These invasive species from Eastern Europe are spreading at a fast rate across the United States. They are transported to new areas attached to boats or harbored in tiny amounts of water.

**I affirm that my vessels do not threaten Whiskeytown Lake  
with quagga or zebra mussels.**

Please check one:     Boat not used in last 30 days in infested counties  
                                   Boat washed and allow to completely dry for at least 5 days

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for protecting  
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area!**