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Zebra Mussel Prevention for Marinas: Recommended Practices and Procedures for Incoming/Outgoing Marina Slip Leaseholders

Entrance Procedures (for marinas on non-infested lakes):

Where is the boat coming from? Is it coming from a zebra or quagga mussel infested reservoir?

If the boat is coming from somewhere in Texas, find out by checking the lake list and map at: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/exotic/zebramusselmap.phtml>; if it's coming from outside the state, see: https://nas.er.usgs.gov/UserImages/current_zm_quag_map.jpg; and if you're unsure where it's coming from, have the boat inspected (see below).

- *Yes, the boat was previously stored on a zebra/quagga mussel infested reservoir.*
 - Call TPWD at 512-389-4848 (hotline) or Brian Van Zee, TPWD Regional Director, 254-867-7974 to coordinate an inspection BEFORE the boat is launched on the lake. The boat should be inspected by a certified watercraft inspector or TPWD.
 - When zebra or quagga mussels are attached, they must be removed and the following may be required by TPWD before launch:
 - Clean—Professional decontamination using hot, high-pressure wash (e.g., at marina shop) may be required to kill and remove invasive mussels.
 - Dry—Boat may be required to dry completely (1-4 weeks, depending on time of year; to get recommendations for your area, see the calculator at <http://www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp>)
- *No, the boat was previously stored on a non-infested reservoir.*
 - Clean, Drain, Dry—visually inspect boats to ensure all water is drained and mud, plants, organisms, and other debris are removed from boat, motor, anchor, and other gear before launch. Allow the boat to dry completely before launch.
 - Inform new leaseholders of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.
- *I'm not sure if the boat was previously stored on an infested reservoir.*
 - Exercise caution—coordinate with TPWD (see contact numbers above).
 - Inform new leaseholders of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.



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Exit Procedures (all marinas):

Where has the boat been stored? Is your marina on a zebra mussel infested/positive reservoir?

- *Yes, our marina is located on a zebra mussel infested/positive reservoir.*
 - Contact TPWD [Call TPWD hotline at 512-389-4848 or Brian Van Zee, TPWD Regional Director, 254-867-7974] to coordinate inspection and obtain guidance on decontamination to ensure the boat does not transport an invasive species. Help your clients avoid potentially costly citations!
 - When zebra or quagga mussels are attached, they must be removed and the following may be required before transport and launching in a new lake:
 - Clean—Professional decontamination using hot, high-pressure wash (e.g., at marina shop) may be required to remove invasive mussels. Possession and transport of zebra mussels is a Class C Misdemeanor under Texas law.
 - Dry—Boat may be required to dry completely (1-4 weeks, depending on time of year; to get recommendations for your area, see calculator at <http://www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp>)
- *No, our marina is on a non-infested reservoir.*
 - Clean, Drain, Dry - visually inspect boats to ensure all water is drained and mud, plants, organisms, and other debris are removed from boat, motor, anchor, and other gear before leaving. Allow the boat to dry completely before launching.
 - Inform departing leaseholders of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.