

## ZEBRA MUSSELS ARE THE GREATEST THREAT TO OUR LAKES AT THIS TIME!

## Facts about Zebra and Quagga Mussels:

- They are virtually impossible to eradicate. They have no natural predator. Chemical control DOES NOT WORK.
- Once introduced and established, they can spread rapidly with one female producing up to a million eggs per year!
- Invasive mussels can:
  - Disrupt natural food chains
  - Create toxic algae blooms that can kill fish and birds
  - Decrease property values
  - o Reduce recreational enjoyment of natural areas.
- They can also cause millions of dollars in damage to water-operated infrastructure and can clog water supplies to SaskPower facilities, hindering power generation.
- These mussels also pose a risk for cottages and homes that rely on these waterways for their water supply.
- Mussels are well-established in Manitoba and North Dakota waters as well as areas East and South in both countries. Montana has two reservoirs affected.

Before returning home from out-of-province, coming to visit or moving between water within the province, make sure to:

## CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT

To report suspect invasive species, please contact our local

Ministry of Environment Box 790 Hwy# 210

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www.saskatchewan.ca/environment

TIPS: <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/parks-recreation-heritage-and-arts/hunting-trapping-and-angling/turn-in-poachers-program">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/parks-recreation-heritage-and-arts/hunting-trapping-and-angling/turn-in-poachers-program</a>

## Ministry of Environment:

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