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## Aquatic Invasive Species **NEWSLETTER**

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### Watercraft Stations Open Across the State

Watercraft inspection stations have opened around the state and will continue to open through Memorial Day. Some station openings have been slightly delayed in order to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols for training and operation.

Changes for 2020 include new COVID-19 safety requirements, an updated training curriculum, new quality assurance / quality control (QA/QC) protocols and targeted enforcement to address compliance. COVID-19 safety protocols include mandatory six-foot social distancing, requiring staff to wear masks when interacting with the public and regular cleaning of equipment and surfaces.

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*Watercraft Inspectors at the Ravalli station*

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## Mussel Fouled Vessels



Seven mussel fouled vessels have been intercepted so far this season at the Dillon and Anaconda stations:

- March 16: Arizona to Creston, BC.
- March 21: Lake Havasu, AZ to Jordon, MT.
- March 24: Lake Havasu, AZ to Lloydminster, AB.
- April 22: Lake Pleasant, AZ to Priest River, ID.
- April 29: Lake Havasu, AZ to Hauser Lake, MT.
- May 1: Lake Havasu, AZ to Columbia Falls, MT.
- May 2: Mississippi River, IA to Lakeside, MT.

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## Nonresidents launching watercraft in Montana must purchase a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass.

After completing a 14-day quarantine or when travel restrictions have lifted, nonresidents bringing watercraft into Montana must purchase a Vessel AIS Prevention Pass before launching.

- The fee for motorboats is \$30 and applies to all motorized watercraft that is registered in another state or country.
- The fee for nonmotorized watercraft is \$10 and applies to all nonmotorized craft that nonresidents bring into Montana.
- The Vessel AIS Prevention Pass expires Dec. 31 and is not transferable between vessels.
- Nonresidents can purchase the Vessel AIS Prevention Pass [online](#). Proof of purchase is an electronic or paper receipt. [Learn more . . .](#)

# BRINGING A BOAT TO MONTANA?

*Help protect Montana waters from aquatic invasive species.*

**All out-of-state watercraft must be inspected before launching.**  
Find watercraft inspection stations at [CleanDrainDryMT.com](http://CleanDrainDryMT.com)

**Non-resident watercraft using Montana waters  
MUST purchase a **Vessel AIS Prevention Pass.****

**Non-motorized vessel fee: \$10**

**Motorized vessel fee: \$30**

Buy pass online at [CleanDrainDryMT.com](http://CleanDrainDryMT.com)

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