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# FWP NEWSLETTER



## Inspectors find more boats transporting invasive species into Montana

Montana watercraft inspection stations have intercepted 13 boats carrying invasive mollusks into the state this year. As of May 30, inspectors have caught 12 boats with

invasive zebra or quagga mussels and one boat with red rim melania snails attached to watercraft.

The mussel-fouled boats typically come from mid-west states or Arizona after having spent several weeks or months in mussel-infested waters. All boat owners must have their watercraft inspected when entering Montana.

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## What boat owners should know about AIS

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native plants, animals or pathogens that can invade new waterbodies by hitching a ride on watercraft and gear. AIS can include mussels, snails, fish, plant fragments or larva that can only be viewed under a microscope.

Both motorized and non-motorized boat owners can help stop the spread of AIS by following the principles of **clean, drain, dry**.

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## Inspection reminder for recreational and tournament boat owners entering Montana

With the many fishing tournaments coming up this summer ALL boaters are reminded to stop at ALL watercraft inspection stations. In addition, all watercraft entering Montana are required to be inspected for aquatic invasive species and must obtain an inspection before launching on Montana waters. Remember, this includes not only nonresident boats entering the state, but also resident boats that were taken out of state and are reentering Montana.

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