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Mussel Boat #3 Intercepted at Anaconda

HELENA - Watercraft inspectors found a third mussel-fouled watercraft on March 29. A boat was being transported from Lake Macatawa, Mich., to Missoula with plans to launch on Flathead Lake later this spring. The boat was heavily infested with zebra mussels.

“This was the most mussels I’ve ever seen on a boat in Montana” said AIS Area Supervisor John O’Bannon. “The boat owner was very cooperative and happy to have the boat inspected.” The watercraft will undergo a mandatory 30-day dry time followed by decontamination by FWP AIS staff.

Earlier on March 29 the second mussel-fouled watercraft was intercepted at the Dillon watercraft inspection station.

Boaters must stop at all watercraft inspections stations they encounter. All boats entering Montana from out of state must be inspected before launching on Montana waterways.

Learn more at [CleanDrainDryMT.com](https://www.CleanDrainDryMT.com) or call the FWP Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau at 406-444-2440.







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