

Boaters Beware
Help prevent the spread of
Quagga Mussels

**DON'T LET THEM RIDE
WITH YOU!**

Quagga mussels in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster. They can cause a shift in native species and disrupt the ecological balance of entire bodies of water. Transferring a boat from infested waters may allow the spread of Quagga mussels, or the closely related zebra mussels.

*For more information, call
1-866-440-9530*

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The California Department of Fish and Game urges all users of recreational watercraft to follow the key suggestions on the reverse side of this card.



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**Don't spread this invasive species.
When leaving the water, follow
these suggestions:**

Inspect all exposed surfaces –
Quagga mussels will feel like
sandpaper to the touch.

Thoroughly wash the hull of each
watercraft, removing all plants and
animal material.

Drain any water through the vessel's
hull plug, and ensure the area is dry.

Ensure the vessel's lower outboard
unit is drained and dry.

Clean and dry any live-well aboard
the vessel.

Empty and dry any buckets.

Any vessel traveling from one
freshwater water body to another
should remain dry and out of water
for five days.

Dispose of all bait in the trash.

