Quagga and zebra (Dreissenid) mussels pose serious risks and costs to you as a recreational boat owner. The mussels can block your boat’s engine and cause overheating, increase the drag on the bottom of your boat, and/or jam your boat’s steering equipment. The spread of these freshwater mussels also threatens aquatic ecosystems and fisheries, water delivery systems, hydroelectric facilities, agriculture and the environment in general.

To learn more how you can help prevent the spread of quagga and zebra mussels, please visit dbw.parks.ca.gov/StopQZ
GET YOUR MUSSEL FEE STICKER

The "Mussel Fee Sticker" (also known as the Quagga Sticker) funds statewide quagga and zebra mussel prevention efforts. Recreational boat owners are required to purchase and display a current sticker if their boat will be used in fresh water. This includes inland waterways, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, wetlands and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Failure to properly display the sticker may result in denial of access or citation.

HOW TO GET A STICKER:

1. Online at dmv.ca.gov/MusselFee (preferred) or visit a DMV field office.
2. Pay $16 fee (sticker valid for two years).
3. Properly display the Mussel Sticker on your boat.

The current mussel sticker must be displayed on the hull next to the current boat registration sticker. Paying the Mussel Fee does not entitle vessels to bypass quagga or zebra mussel inspections or fees that may be required by individual reservoir owners or managers.

For more information about a Mussel Fee (Quagga) Sticker, visit the DMV website at: dmv.ca.gov or call DMV at 1-800-777-0133.

For information on California’s quagga and zebra mussel prevention efforts please contact the California State Parks’ Division of Boating and Waterways at 1-888-326-2822 or visit dbw.parks.ca.gov/StopQZ.