

# CLEAN DRAIN DRY



Practice **CLEAN DRAIN DRY** to protect our lakes and rivers from the spread of aquatic invasive species.

## CLEAN

plants, animals and mud from your boat and gear

- Ensure that anything you remove is disposed of onto land
- Do a visual inspection of the watercraft and gear to make sure everything is removed

## DRAIN

all water from your boat and gear onto land

- This includes all internal compartments, ballast tanks, live wells, bilges, bait buckets, motors etc.
- Pull all plugs—it is illegal to transport plugged watercraft in some provinces and US states

## DRY

all parts of your boat and gear completely

- Make sure no water is left standing
- Use a sponge or towel for hard to dry areas



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Prevent the Spread of Aquatic  
Invasive Species



## What are aquatic invasive species?

Aquatic invasive species threaten Canada's water bodies and the wildlife that rely on them. They spread alarmingly fast and can impact the environment and economy, and damage the recreational areas that we enjoy.

Water-based recreational activities can spread aquatic invasive species to new locations. Aquatic invasive species can cling to watercraft and gear, or be transported in standing water to new bodies of water. You can protect our lakes and rivers from aquatic invasive species by ensuring you **CLEAN, DRAIN** and **DRY** your watercraft and gear.

## Watch for these and other aquatic invasive species!



Eric Engbretson

Smallmouth Bass



Russ Ottens

American Bullfrog



Alison Fox

Eurasian Watermilfoil



Leslie J Mehrhoff

Flowering Rush



Raves Lovell

Brazilian Elodea



Dave Britton

Zebra & Quagga Mussels

### In BC:

For watercraft that have been operated outside of BC, AB, WA, ID, OR, or WY please contact the BC Conservation Officer Service **R.A.P.P. Hotline 1-877-952-7277** prior to entering BC waters. Additionally, all watercraft must stop at open designated watercraft inspection stations in BC. It's the LAW. Sightings of zebra or quagga mussels must be reported to the R.A.P.P. hotline.



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