



## ***AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES NEWS*** ***1/16/13***

### **DREISSENID MUSSELS**

#### **[1. LHMA begins quagga mussel sticker program \(1/14/13\)](#)**

Lake Havasu Marine Association's next big push is for educating boaters about quagga mussels — and things are expected to get sticky. LHMA introduces its new sticker campaign that is based on educating front-liners in the boating industry in order to, ultimately, reach the boater.....

#### **[2. Michigan mussels disappear within a child's lifetime \(1/11/13\)](#)**

An entire group of native organisms is dying off in the lakes and rivers of the Great Lakes region, and children are noticing. They are native freshwater mussels, those interesting and long-lived “clams” that lie partly buried in the water bottom.....They are victims of the army of zebra and quagga mussels that have infested waterways throughout the Great Lakes region.....

### **MARINE**

#### **1. Forks Dock in Olympic National Park**

1. [Additional videos of the dock at Mosquito Creek](#) (WA) are now available on Flickr.
2. Incident webpage go to <http://marinedebris.wa.gov/incidents/ForksDock.html>

#### **[2. Alaskan Senators, Coastal Coalition Push to Extend Frankenfish Comment Period \(1/11/13\)](#)**

WASHINGTON, DC – Alaska’s Senate delegation today reached out to the Food and Drug Administration, advocating that the federal agency extend the 60-day comment period on an Environmental Assessment (EA) of genetically engineered salmon an additional 60 days, given the holiday season timing of its announcement, the current Senate transition period and the economic importance of the issue to Alaska. Strengthening their case, they were joined by Senators from Oregon, Washington and Maryland in pushing for more time.....

### [3. Southern Maine clams threatened by green crab, warming climate \(12/11/12\)](#)

FREEPORT — Small, green crabs are wreaking havoc along the Harraseeket River, and could soon devour the soft-shell clam population into extinction.....

### [4. Paradox of the Plankton \(1/13\)](#)

Utterances of disbelief were common by crewmembers when we hauled our nets up through their ballast tanks to reveal scores of live zooplankton — despite their vessel’s use of ballast water exchange (ballast water management). Similar to Hutchinson (1961) who coined the idiom paradox of the plankton, these seamen were initially baffled by the wealth of healthy plankton arising from a seemingly clean, unstructured environment over 200 miles offshore. The results however did not muddle our ballast water biologists who by the legacy of Hutchinson and others expect the open ocean far from land to bustle with a diversity of marine life. But an important distinction is the difference in biology of the open ocean versus nearshore ecosystems.....

## **FISH**

### [1. Tropical Fish in South Dakota Highlights Threat Posed by Exotic Species \(1/14/12\)](#)

What resource managers long have feared would happen because of irresponsible fish hobbyists has become reality: An exotic species has established itself in a waterway far north of where it should be able to survive.....

### [2. Flushing Nemo: Home aquarium species a potential threat to California waters \(1/9/13\)](#)

Well-intentioned children and aquarium hobbyists seeking to “free” their pet fish down a toilet bowl or into a local waterway may inadvertently be contributing to the threat of invasive species downstream, according to a new report from the University of California, Davis....

### **3. WANTED Information about Smallmouth Bass introduction into the Coquille River, OR (1/14/12)**

Please see the "wanted reward poster" (see end of document ) for information leading to the conviction of people illegally introducing smallmouth bass to the Coquille Basin (thanks to Lisa DeBruyckere, Oregon Invasive Species Council)

## OTHER

### 1. [Oregon Zoo researcher works to unravel the mystery of the Superfrog \(1/11/13\)](#)

From the sad story of a Northwest native amphibian species in steep decline leaps ... Superfrog! An [Oregon Zoo](#) research associate has discovered that [Oregon spotted frogs](#) living at a marshy lake in Mt. Adams' shadow grow bigger and move faster than those anywhere else in the Northwest, enabling them to escape the jaws of their chief predator, **non-native bullfrogs**.....

## JOBS

### 1. [100 Interns Needed in MN to Fight Invasive Species](#)

The MN DNR is seeking 100 of the interns to work 40-hour weeks from April to October with pay of \$10 to \$11 an hour. Applications are due **Feb. 1**. To apply: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/jobs/watercraft/index.html>

## LEGISLATION/POLITICS

**1. Montana Legislation:** If you are interested in following aquatic invasive species legislation, go to: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/find%20a%20legislator.asp> .

Legislation involving AIS:

- HB160 (Washburn) Requires that aquatic invasive programs be funded by general fund. Hearing 1-15-2013 Rm 102 3:00 pm
- LC1204        Revise aquatic invasive species laws
- LC1205        Revise invasive species funding laws
- LC1206        Revise invasive species management coordination laws
- LC1243        Revise aquatic invasive species laws
- LC1334        Revise aquatic invasive species laws
- LC1741        Fund implementation of big pipestone creek restoration plan projects

*Thanks to Celestine Duncan for providing this information.*

## [2. Interior Secretary Salazar to leave in March \(1/16/13\)](#)

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will soon leave his post, the White House has confirmed. Salazar will depart in March, according to an official at the Interior Department and a senior administration official, both who were granted anonymity to provide additional details.....

### **MEETINGS/WEBINARS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

#### **12th Annual Eastern Washington / North Idaho Regional Lakes Conference.**

This lakes conference is hosted by the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, Spokane Community College Water Resources Program, and the Washington State Lake Protection Association. The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of information and experiences of residents and lake associations in an effort to learn more about our lakes and watersheds. Please distribute to others who may be interested. With twelve years running and 140 people in attendance last year it was only through the generous support of our sponsors that this conference (with lunch provided) has remained free to attendees.

Thanks to sponsors this conference is FREE.

**Date/Time: Saturday, February 9th 2013; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Location:** Spokane Community College. Lair - Student Union Building, N. 1810 Greene Street, Spokane WA, 99207

**RSVP by Jan. 31st to:** BiJay Adams, [bijay@libertylake.org](mailto:bijay@libertylake.org), (509) 922-5443 ext. 230

#### **MARCH**

[International Didymo Conference](#) March 12-13, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island.

#### **Preliminary Program Agenda Now Available**

We are pleased to share our draft program agenda for the International Didymo Conference. There is a great collection of plenary speakers, presentations, a poster session and a moderated management panel discussion. The draft program agenda is attached as well as posted

online: [http://www.stopans.org/Didymo\\_Conference\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.stopans.org/Didymo_Conference_Agenda.pdf)

#### **Take advantage of our Early Bird Registration**

Early registration of \$160 for the conference will end on January 29, 2013. After this date, the registration fee will increase to \$200. Register today at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2884801519>

### **Book Your Room at the Providence Biltmore**

Take advantage of the conference host hotel the Providence Biltmore. These gracious rooms are competitively priced at \$121 plus tax per night. Book your room by visiting the conference web page: [http://www.stopans.org/Didymo\\_Conference\\_2013.htm](http://www.stopans.org/Didymo_Conference_2013.htm) and following the hotel link, or call the Providence Biltmore Hotel directly at 401.421.0700 or 800.294.7709 and request the "Invasive Species Meeting" group to receive the special room rate.

### **[National Invasive Species Awareness Week March 3 – 8, 2013](#)**

Please mark your calendars for events in Washington, DC and around the country. State, federal and local and tribal officials meet with NGO's, industry and stakeholder groups addressing invasive species to examine laws, policies and creative approaches to prevent and reduce invasive species threats to our health, economy, environment and natural resources including special places.

### **2nd Annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop**

The Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area planning team is pleased to announce that a date has been selected for the 2nd annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop. We'll be holding the event in Stevenson, WA from 09:00 to 16:00 on March 21, 2013. This workshop will have an invasive plant and noxious weed focus and will also provide resource managers and control practitioners information to detect aquatic invasive species and exotic pests. For further information contact: Justin Bush, Program Coordinator  
Skamania County, Noxious Weed Control Program, (509) 427-3941;  
bush@co.skamania.wa.us, <http://www.skamaniacounty.org/noxious-weeds/>

### **[Western Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting -- Save the Date!](#)**

Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, ID.  
March 25 to 27, 2013

### **The Pend Oreille Basin Commission/ID Department of Agriculture Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop on March 28th in Dover, ID.**

The focus of the workshop will be to assemble people from around the Pend Oreille / Clark Fork / Flathead / Kootenai Basins to discuss aquatic plant and animal treatment, survey, education and prevention activities in the area. It is hoped that by discussing activities in our shared waters we can improve communication, cooperation and identify partnership opportunities. For further information on the no cost event and to register contact: Thomas Woolf, Aquatic Program Manager, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, 208.608.3404, [Thomas.Woolf@agri.idaho.gov](mailto:Thomas.Woolf@agri.idaho.gov)

**APRIL**

[The Invasive Species Centre is hosting the 18th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, April 21-25, 2013 at the Sheraton-on-the-Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.](#)

The **Preliminary Program** for the 18th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species is now available (last updated **12/17/12**) at the ICAIS conference website [www.icaais.org](http://www.icaais.org) . The program is still subject to change, so please check the website for updates. Note that the cut-off date for hotel reservations is **March 21, 2013** so be sure to reserve early to ensure your accommodation  
[http://www.icaais.org/html/info\\_accomm.html](http://www.icaais.org/html/info_accomm.html)

# WANTED

INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF WHOMEVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT INTRODUCTION OF SMALL MOUTH BASS IN THE COQUILLE BASIN.



The illegal introduction of species into our waters has been identified as the single largest issue fishery managers face in our nation. A few thoughtless individuals are responsible for the loss of our precious fisheries.

**Don't let them get away with it!**

Anyone with information about the incident should  
call the TIP Hotline at (800) 452-7888.

**REWARD up to \$3,300**

**YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND  
STILL COLLECT YOUR REWARD!**

Turn In Illegal Introductions (TI3) is a joint project of OR BASS Nation, OR Black Bass Action Committee, and The BASS Federation, and initial funding was provided by these 3 organizations.



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