



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES NEWS

07/29/2013

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1. Western Governors support legislation on quagga mussels, adopt invasive species resolution (7/24/13)

1. Western Governors supported “Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas Act of 2013” (H.R. 1823), which adds quagga mussels to the national list of invasive species. This would, in part, provide for increased inspections of boats crossing state lines. Such inspections for zebra mussels already occur. [Read the letter](#) sent to the bill's sponsors.

2. Also see Western Governors’ Association Policy Resolution 13-02 -- Combating Invasive Species by going [here](#) [scroll down to 13-02]

[2. North Okanagan \(BC\) mussels up infestation protection \(7/21/13\)](#)

Pressure is growing to prevent a potentially devastating species from moving to the Okanagan. The Regional District of North Okanagan board will write the federal government to initiate measures to stop the spread of zebra and quagga mussels. “They are the only ones who can mandate border inspections. We want a date for action,” said director Rob Sawatzky.....

[3. MN DNR confirms zebra mussels in North Lida Lake; investigating report of zebra mussels in Lake Latoka \(7/17/13\)](#)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in North Lida Lake in Otter Tail County near Pelican Rapids. DNR crews

searched the lake and discovered two zebra mussels about a half-mile from the location where, earlier this month, a lakeshore resident found a can with two adult zebra mussels attached to it in front of a private lake access.....

[4. Invasion of the zebra mussel - Parasite forces closing fish-growing facility \(AR\) \(7/16/13\)](#)

A fish-growing facility that has helped keep north Arkansas waters populated with keeper-sized catfish and trout for most of four decades is in mothballs. The culprit that has caused the production pause, and possibly an end to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Pot Shoals Net Pens, is the invasive zebra mussel.....

[5. Quagga and Zebra Mussel Eradication and Control Information Sheets](#)

The Quagga and Zebra Mussel Eradication and Control Tactic Information Sheet Series, developed by CA Sea Grant Extension Specialist Carrie Culver and team, is intended to assist water managers and others interested in: Reducing existing aquatic pest populations, and/or Preparing for action against newly detected aquatic pest populations in lakes, reservoirs and irrigation canals (not in facilities or associated infrastructure). The sheets are based on the assumption that a water body is at risk from an aquatic pest and that action is, or someday will be, required. The activities described in the series complement ongoing preventative measures and can assist with development of rapid response plans. Such efforts are critical for minimizing impacts from, and the potential spread of, aquatic invasive species (AIS) also referred to here as aquatic pests.....

[6. Mussel detection funds approved by supervisors the Lake County Board of Supervisors \(CA\) \(7/10/13\)](#)

LAKEPORT -- The Lake County Board of Supervisors approved \$1,300 from the Fish and Wildlife fund to be used toward early detection of quagga and zebra mussels in Clear Lake Tuesday morning. The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee (FWAC) will use the money to build up to 75 artificial substrates. A substrate is an apparatus that is placed in the water and checked once a month for the presence of mussels, FWAC representative Greg Giusti said.....

[7. Invasive Species Part 2: Fresh Water Mussels \(7/18/13\)](#)

An invasion of fresh water mussels poses a major threat to Montana. In this special report Beartooth NBC's has all the details on the damage they can cause and what Montanans can do to keep them from entering the state. Allison Begley: "It literally is a billion dollar problem". Quagga and Zebra mussels, are an invasive species plaguing 26 states across the nation. Even though these creatures are tiny, they have potential to cause giant problems. The Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Fish Wildlife and Parks, Allison Bagley says their bissells are their most destructive quality.....

[8. Iowa Officials and residents want to take action against the destructive and invasive species](#)

MILFORD, Iowa (KTIV) - Despite efforts to fight them off, zebra mussels have washed their way into the Iowa Great Lakes. Now officials and residents want to take action against the destructive and invasive species. Most of us would probably think if water like this suddenly clears, there's something good happening.....

[9. Sources Sought - Pulsed Pressure Technologies and Expertise for Invasive Mussel Control \(7/9/13\)](#)

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WEEDS

[1. Milfoil closes popular Bellevue, WA swimming beaches \(7/14/13\)](#)

BELLEVUE, Wash. - Just as we head into a week of nice weather, several beaches on the Eastside will be shut down - due to an invasion. It's milfoil - an invasive plant species. Left unchecked it can choke a lake, robbing it of oxygen. Now it's in Lake Washington - and it's very hard to get rid of. Some of the most popular swimming spots on the Eastside are affected. Now, crews with Bellevue Parks are working with neighbors to attack the creeping plant. But to do it, they will have to shut down three parks for a day this week - putting a crimp in summer plans.....

[2. BC Invasive species crews fighting corridor-wide battle, Focus in Whistler is on Yellow Flag Iris, Japanese Knotweed \(7/18/13\)](#)

Many battles in the long war against invasive species are being fought in Sea to Sky this summer, with crews from the Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council going after some of the worst offenders.

[3. The National Wetland Plant List: 2013 Wetland Ratings](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers administers the National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) for the United States (U.S.) and its territories. The 2013 update contains 7,937 species including immersed aquatic plants [source: Celestine Duncan].

[4. \\$125K grant targets invasive reeds other non-native plants on Utah Lake shorelines \(7/15/13\)](#)

PROVO, Utah — State and county officials are teaming up to combat invasive reeds and other pesky, non-native plants around Utah Lake. The Utah Department of Agriculture

and Food is overseeing the \$125,000 grant to specifically take aim at the reeds called "phragmites.".....

[5. The Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society \(BC\) fighting invasive species \(7/18/13\)](#)

They might be pretty, but those plants are aggressive. The Shuswap is home to B.C.'s most recent committee devoted to preventing the spread of invasive species. The Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society (CSISS) is the newest regional non-profit committee in B.C. to be established in partnership with the Invasive Species Council of B.C. to educate people on the risk they pose to ecosystems.....

[6. Float planes linked to spread of invasive plant in Alaska \(7/14/13\)](#)

Authorities in Alaska are trying to halt the spread of an invasive water plant called elodea. The plant's spread could be due in part to float planes — the plant can get caught on them and be transported from one body of water to another. It only takes a tiny fragment of the plant to start new populations.....

[7. Black Lake \(WA\) residents fed up with invaders \(7/28/13\)](#)

People living along the shoreline of Black Lake have grown tired of invasive species plaguing their waters and have taken it upon themselves to eradicate the problem. A nonprofit group dubbed the Save Black Lake Coalition is hoping to create a special district, giving members the authority to collect funds and clean up the lake..... The community hopes cutting off the invasive plant problems early will save it the almost \$500,000 it cost Long Lake residents to fix their weed problem.....

MARINE

[1. DEQ Issues \\$3,500 Penalty to Wisdom Marine Group For Illegal Ballast Water Discharge into Portland Harbor](#)

DEQ News Release 7/11/13 --The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has issued a \$3,500 penalty to Taokas Navigation SA, doing business as Wisdom Marine Group, for discharging prohibited ballast water into the Portland Harbor on May 20....

[2. Judge Says Drakes Bay Oyster Co.\(CA\) Must Remove Invasive Species as it Fights Shutdown \(7/19/13\)](#)

A Marin County Superior Court judge has ruled that the Drakes Bay Oyster Co. must obey a California Coastal Commission order for environmental protections, including removal of two invasive species, while it fights in federal court to avoid being shut down.

OTHER

[1. Have You Ever Tried to Eat a Feral Pig? \(7/14/13\)](#)

Chefs are serving up invasive species like knotweed and snakehead fish -- and diners are enjoying them. How a growing food movement could also be good for the environment.

[2. Invasive snails now confirmed in Great Falls, MT \(7/16/13\)](#)

The eastern heath snail, an invasive species from Eastern Europe that climbs everything from stalks of grass to fence posts, is living in at least one Great Falls neighborhood. Until last week, the Belt area and Detroit were the only places in the United States with confirmed infestations of what officials call a pest of concern.

FISH

[1. In U.S., struggle against invasive snakehead fish ends on plates \(7/14/13\)](#)

The snakehead is an invasive species of fish from Asia that is threatening the delicate ecosystem of the Potomac River that flows through Washington into the Atlantic Ocean. It also tastes great with onions and butter, said sport fisherman Brett Miron after catching a total of 110 pounds (50 kilograms) of the otherwise slimy, hard-to-catch fish at the recent Potomac Snakehead Tournament.

[2. IN State attorney general on expedition for invasive Asian carp \(7/12/13\)](#)

INDIANAPOLIS — When Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller decided to take a boat ride down the Wabash River to raise awareness about the damage being done by the invasive Asian carp, he was offered this advice by a fish expert: Wear a helmet.....

[3. Irony: Non-Native Shad Success With Columbia/Snake Dams, Reservoirs Offers Clues To Recovery In Native Waters \(7/19/13\)](#)

Study of a thriving population of non-native American shad that spawns up and down the Columbia-Snake river basin could ultimately help inform efforts to revive the species in its native territory along the East Coast, according to a recently published scientific article. The experience in the Northwest could provide helpful lessons learned for recovery efforts across the continent.....

[4. Tribes: More Needs To Be Done To Increase Listed Bull Trout In Flathead Lake, Including Gill-Netting Lake Trout \(7/19/13\)](#)

Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribal officials say things have changed to a point where more needs to be done, including netting of non-native lake trout, to save native bull and cutthroat trout in the Flathead Lake. When netting was first discussed in 2006, it was

prudent to be cautious and explore other means of suppressing the lake trout population, a group of tribal officials said during a recent press conference in Polson, Mont.....

[5. In Okanogan Creek, Anglers Encouraged To Go After Bass, Trout To Reduce Predation On Steelhead \(7/26/13\)](#)

Anglers in central Washington have been given license to take non-native smallmouth bass and eastern brook trout, as well as native adipose-clipped rainbow trout, this summer as a means of reducing predation on freshly hatched steelhead in Salmon Creek, a tributary to the Okanogan River.

[6. Public meetings set on proposed treatments for three eastside WA lakes \(7/15/13\)](#)

OLYMPIA – State fishery managers will host four public meetings in late July to discuss proposals to treat three lakes in eastern Washington with rotenone, a naturally occurring pesticide commonly used to remove undesirable fish species from lakes and streams. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is proposing to treat Badger Lake in Spokane County, Spectacle Lake in Okanogan County, and the Hampton and Pillar-Widgeon Lake chains in Grant County this fall to remove species ranging from bass and bullhead to stunted panfish.

LEGISLATION/FEDERAL ACTIONS/BUDGET

1. Asian Carp Bills have hearing

On 7/25 two bills relating to Asian Carp were heard by the House Natural Resources subcommittee [Source: *Energy and Environment Daily*, 7/26/13]:

[H.R. 358](#), introduced by Minnesota Democrat Betty McCollum’s would create a multiagency task force to reduce Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio river basins. The effort would be spearheaded by the Fish and Wildlife Service and would include the National Park Service and Army Corps of Engineers. “If we truly want to stop the spread of Asian carp while we still can, we need federal agencies to work together,” McCollum said.

[H.R. 709](#), the “Upper Mississippi Conservation and River Protection Act of 2013”, a companion bill to HR 358, introduced by Minnesota Democrat Keith Ellison, would authorize the Army to close the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam to prevent carp from spreading into northern Minnesota waterways. Subcommittee Chairman John Fleming (R-La.) said of the bill “I’m not sure that we fully agree with the bill, but we agree with the concept. It’s a big problem, [but] we need to be sure that we don’t do things that are going to hurt commerce.”

2. Rep Mike Thompson (CA) co-founds Invasive Species Caucus

A Bay Area congressman announced today that he has cofounded a bipartisan Congressional Invasive Species Caucus. No, this isn't related to immigration reform. Rep. [Mike Thompson](#), D-Napa, said he launched the caucus with Rep. [Dan Benishek](#), R-Mich., to raise awareness about invasive flora and fauna, support local communities who are bearing the brunt of this problem, and promote efforts to prevent and control their spread.

3. Gillibrand pitches plan to stop invasive species (7/19/13)

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. – A New York lawmaker has a plan to stop invasive species from entering Lake Champlain. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand says the new legislation gives Fish and Wildlife officials more power to regulate non-native species, while increasing funding for the program. Gillibrand says the bill would prevent future invasive species from entering New York's waterways and continue to attract tourists to the North Country.

[Note: see [S. 1153](#): "Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act", Gillibrand press release go [here](#)]

4. Obama Administration Releases 2013 Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework (7/24/13)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Obama Administration today announced a series of new measures to protect the Great Lakes from Asian carp, building on the comprehensive plan the Administration created in 2010 to prevent this invasive species from developing self-sustaining populations in the Great Lakes.....

IN MEMORIAM

1. Area remembers Fish & Wildlife Service researchers killed in car crash (7/26/13)

Rob Klumb, 46, was one of the Ivy League's best-kept secrets, a blue-collar Ph.D. who bought only American blue jeans, drank cheap beer and expensive coffee, and spent his work hours directing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Plains Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office efforts in South Dakota to study fish species such as the endangered pallid sturgeon.....

MEETINGS

AUGUST

1. The 7th Annual Priest Lake Invasive Species Workshop and Survey is scheduled for **August 6th and 7th** at the US Forest Service Kalispel Boat Launch. Come and learn about the native aquatic plant and animal species that are in Priest Lake and the invasive species that threaten this beautiful place. Following the workshop attendees are encouraged to come out on the water and assist with surveying for invasive species in the lake. Space in boats is limited so please bring your boat to assist with the effort if you can. For more information contact Erin Mader with any questions: lakescommission@gmail.com [Source: Tom Woolf, ISDA]

[2. 8th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions: August 20-22, 2013, Vancouver, Canada](#)

The draft program is now available online. [Click here](#)

[2. Oregon Invasive Species Cook-off 2013](#)

When: August 25 2:00 pm - 7 pm
Host: Institute for Applied Ecology
Where: Chintimini Farm, OR

SEPTEMBER

1. WRP Annual Meeting - Portland 2013 - The WRP will hold their *Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon on September 11 - 13, 2013*. The meeting will be held at the [University Place Hotel and Conference Center](#). Book your room for \$89 plus tax and be sure to mention "Western Regional Panel" at booking time. Call 1-866-845-4647 to reserve your room. Learn more about the meeting (including draft agenda) by going [here](#).

NOVEMBER

1. 2013 Alaska Invasive Species Conference – November 5-7. Fairbanks.
<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/cnipm>

[2. Save the Date : Washington State Weed Association WEED conference; November 6 - 8, 2013; Location: The Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel.](#)

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FEBRUARY

1. [Marine Invasive Species - Management of Ballast Water and Other Vectors](#) . Muscat, Oman, February 17-19, 2014.

APRIL

1. [2014 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference: April 30 - May 2, 2014, Washington State Convention & Trade Center , Seattle, Washington](#)