## **DREISSENID MUSSELS**

#### 1. The Pelican Lake (MN) debate: Residents rebut claims of zebra mussel takeover (10/22/12)

Many residents of this lake in Minnesota's Otter Tail County want the rest of the world to know something: Yes, Pelican Lake has zebra mussels. But no, it hasn't meant the end of quality times at the lake......

# 2. Legal and Regulatory Efforts to Minimize Expansion of Invasive Mussels through Watercraft Movements: A Co-learning Workshop (October 2012)

On August 22–23, 2012, a workshop was hosted by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and convened in Phoenix, Arizona, by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Association of Attorneys General, Oregon Sea Grant, the National Sea Grant Law Center, and the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The purpose of the workshop was to engage Assistant Attorneys General, natural resource agency attorneys, law enforcement supervisors, policy makers, and the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinators from the 19 Western states, interstate organizations, and Federal partners to establish clear legal and regulatory approaches and opportunities for AIS abatement and reform. One clear deliverable from this workshop was the creation of an action plan that articulates needed actions at the federal/national, regional, state, and local levels to minimize the expansion of invasive mussels through watercraft movements in the western United States.......

# 3. Marin Municipal Water District (CA) flexes its mussels (10/17/12)

The Marin Municipal Water District opted to join the North Coast Zebra and Quagga Mussel Consortium last week, effectively shining the spotlight on a potential threat and taking a preemptive stand against the disruptive species.

# 4. Botulism Kills Hundreds of Lake Michigan Loons (10/22/12)

Almost 300 loons and other fish-eating birds have been found dead or dying along Lake Michigan's beaches at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. According to Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, botulism is to blame.....

# 5. Nevada: Invasive Species decal required in 2013 (10/17/12)

As boaters put equipment, boats and life jackets away for the winter, they should be aware of big boating changes coming up next year. On Jan. 1, 2013, boaters will be required to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species decal from the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This new program was created in the previous legislative session to combat the

growing menace of AIS in Nevada waters. The program will ramp up slowly over the next year, as boaters purchase decals and learn how to help stop the spread of AIS.......

# 6. Minn. DNR: Attempt to kill zebra mussels fails (10/23/12)

http://www.startribune.com/local/175519991.html?refer=y&vi\_adid=W

http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/2012/10/23/dnr-wraps-up-zebra-mussel-field-work-on-lake-irene-and-rose-lake-confirms-new-infestations-in-otter-tail-county/

#### **MARINE**

1. Response Protocols for Biofouled Debris and Invasive Species Generated by the 2011 Japan Tsunami (10/19/12)

Also go to: http://www.anstaskforce.gov/Tsunami.html

2. Invasive species known as 'marine vomit' found at Drakes Estero, CA (10/15/12)

A newly discovered invasive species capable of blanketing shallow bay bottoms has turned up in Drakes Estero in the Point Reyes National Seashore, prompting calls for immediate action to curb the biological threat and entering the debate over the future of the commercial oyster farm there.

#### **OTHER**

# 1. Boaters Alerted Of Asian Clam Control Project In Emerald Bay (10/11/12)

Lake Tahoe, CA – Boaters heading to Lake Tahoe in the next 6 weeks may experience a short delay when entering Emerald Bay due to an Asian clam control project that will be taking place there.......

# WEEDS

#### 1. Scraping the Internet for sales of Great Lakes invasive species (10/25/12)

Great Lakes researchers are gearing up to fight the spread of invasive species – on the Internet.

The idea is to build software to track the sellers of harmful foreign plants and animals and then inform them about the risks they cause to the environment......

2. Washington State Dept of Ecology Website lists aquatic invasive plants/distribution, management efforts, and research in WA.

Read more at (thanks to Celestine Duncan for providing this):

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/lakes/aquaticplants/index.html

3. Water hyacinth in the Snake River, Idaho ISDA Briefing Statement (8/31/12)

Feral populations of water hyacinth were unknown in Idaho until August 2012. ISDA was alerted to a small clump of the plant near Hagerman, Idaho. ISDA performed follow up surveys and found additional populations of the plant upstream of the original find. There are approximately 5-7 acres of the plant currently identified.......

# **MEETINGS/WEBINARS**

1. Clean Marina Webinar: Aquatic Invasive Species: Management at Great Lakes Marinas

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EASTERN) Go to: http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/events/?eventID=459

2. International Didymo Conference

March 12-13, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island. Abstracts for all papers and posters must be received by **November 1 2012.** 

**3.** 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.

- **4.** November 14-15, 2012: Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force is having a meeting at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service building, room 530, in Arlington, VA.
- 5. 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.