

Specimens are needed to confirm sightings, but some jurisdictions prohibit possession of zebra mussels and other invasive aquatic animals and plants. In Wisconsin, it is illegal to launch a boat, boating equipment or trailer in navigable waters if the person has reason to believe that any aquatic plants or mussels are attached.

REMEMBER: KNOW THE RULES!

- **Never** move fish, plants, crayfish, snails or clams from one body of water to another. Grant, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or state natural resources office in your area.
- In Madison at 608-266-9270 or a local DNR office. Outside of Wisconsin, call a Sea Grant Program at 920-683-4697, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- sealed plastic bag or store in rubbing (isopropyl) alcohol. Call the Wisconsin Sea
- **Report** new sightings by noting the exact location and freezing specimens in a
- **Dry** everything for at least five days or rinse with hot (104° F) water.
- **Dispose** of unwanted live bait and worms in the trash.
- **Drain** water from boat, motor, live well, bilge and bait containers.
- **Inspect** and remove aquatic plants, animals and mud from boat, motor and trailer.
- **Learn** to recognize Zebra and Quagga mussels. (See reverse.)

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Zebra Mussel & Quagga Mussel WATCH

ZEBRA MUSSEL

QUAGGA MUSSEL

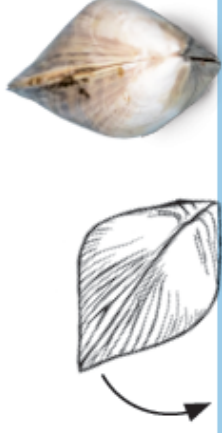
PREVENT THE TRANSPORT OF NUISANCE SPECIES
CLEAN ALL RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

Zebra Mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)
Flat bottom—will stand on a flat surface



Triangular in shape
Alternating dark and light color stripes

Quagga Mussel (*Dreissena bugensis*)
No flat bottom—will not stand up



Rounder in shape
Paler in color near the hinge

Zebra and Quagga mussels are prolific invaders that cost the U.S. billions of dollars each year. They arrived from Europe in ballast water discharged from ships. The mussels alter the food web by filtering out and consuming phytoplankton. This reduces the amount of phytoplankton available for zooplankton to consume, which reduces the amount of zooplankton for fish to consume. Mussels also clog water intakes, damage equipment, smother native mussels and litter beaches with their sharp shells.

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