



I Prevention for Marinas: Standard Practices and Procedures for Incoming/Outgoing Marina Slip Leaseholders

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Entrance Procedures:

- *Where is the boat coming from? Is it coming from a zebra/quagga mussel infested reservoir?*
Texas map: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/exotic/zebramusselmap.phtml>,
US map: https://nas.er.usgs.gov/UserImages/current_zm_quag_map.jpg (If unsure, inspect all out-of-state boats)
 - *Yes, the boat was previously stored on a zebra/quagga mussel infested reservoir.*
 - Have boat inspected by a certified watercraft inspector or TPWD
 - Call Operation Game Thief (800)792-4263 or Brian Van Zee, TPWD Regional Director, (254) 867-7974 to coordinate an inspection BEFORE the boat is launched on the lake.
 - When zebra or quagga mussels are attached, the following may be required before launch:
 - Clean—Professional decontamination using hot, high-pressure wash (e.g., at marina shop) may be required to remove invasive mussels.
 - Dry—Boat may be required to dry completely (1-4 weeks, depending on time of year; for an idea of recommendations for your area, see calculator at <http://www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp>)
 - *No, the boat was previously stored on a non-infested reservoir.*
 - Clean, Drain, Dry - visually inspect boats to ensure all water is drained and mud, plants, organisms, and other debris are removed from boat, motor, anchor, and other gear before launch. Allow the boat to dry completely before launch.
 - Inform new leaseholders of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.
 - *I'm not sure if the boat was previously stored on a zebra/quagga mussel infested reservoir.*
 - Err on the side of caution—coordinate with TPWD to have the boat inspected.
 - Inform new leaseholders of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.



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Exit Procedures:

- *Where has the boat been stored? Is your marina on a zebra mussel infested/positive reservoir?*
 - *Yes, our marina is located on a zebra mussel infested/positive reservoir.*
 - Contact TPWD [Call Operation Game Thief (800)792-4263 or Brian Van Zee, TPWD Regional Director, (254) 867-7974] to coordinate inspection and obtain recommendations on decontamination to ensure the boat does not transport an invasive species. Help your marina clients avoid potentially costly citations during boat transport!
 - When zebra or quagga mussels are attached, the following may be required before transport and launch in a new lake:
 - Clean—Professional decontamination using hot, high-pressure wash (e.g., at marina shop) may be required to remove invasive mussels. Possession and transport of zebra mussels is a Class C Misdemeanor under Texas law.
 - Dry—Boat may be required to dry completely (1-4 weeks, depending on time of year; for an idea of recommendations for your area, see calculator at <http://www.100thmeridian.org/emersion.asp>)
 - *No, our marina is on a non-infested reservoir.*
 - Clean, Drain, Dry - visually inspect boats to ensure all water is drained and mud, plants, organisms, and other debris are removed from boat, motor, anchor, and other gear before launch. Allow the boat to dry completely before launch.
 - Inform departing leaseholders of invasive species and how to prevent their spread.