

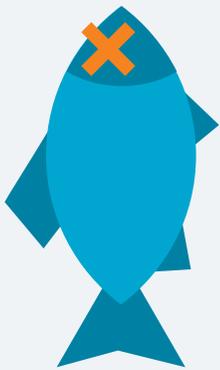
ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS

(DREISSENA SPP.)



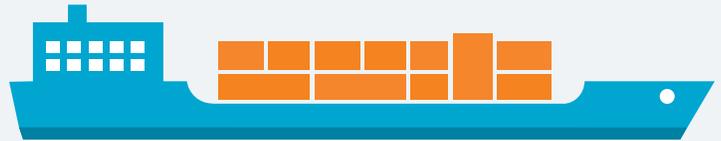
1 MILLION EGGS

One female mussel can produce up to one million eggs a year.



Invasive mussels can disrupt natural food chains, create toxic algal blooms and reduce recreational enjoyment of natural areas.

NO NATIVE PREDATORS IN ALBERTA



Originated in the Black and Caspian Seas, brought to North America in the ballast of large cargo ships.



Transferred between water bodies on watercraft and equipment that is stored in the water.

\$75,000,000

An invasion causes millions of dollars in damage to water-operated infrastructure – one estimate predicts it could cost Albertans over \$75 million dollars annually.

Standing water in bilges, ballasts and live wells can harbour hitchhikers, parasites and disease:

PULL
the
PLUG

**CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY
YOUR BOAT**

to prevent the spread of invasive mussels.

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