

# AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

- Drain livewells, bilge water, and transom wells before leaving the vicinity of where you have used your boat.
- After leaving the water, inspect your boat and boat accessories, and dispose of any plants or animals you find by placing them in the garbage bin.
- Empty bait buckets on land, never into the water.
- Never dip your bait or minnow bucket into a lake if the bucket contains water from another lake.
- Never dump live fish or other organisms from one body of water into another one.
- When you get home, wash your boat, tackle, downriggers, and trailer with hot water.
- Flush water through your boat motor's cooling system and other parts of the boat that normally get wet. If possible, let everything dry for five days in the hot sun before using your boat in another body of water.

### Information about preventing the spread of aquatic nuisance species

#### California Department of Boating and Waterways

(888) 326-2822  
[www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov)

#### University of California Cooperative Extension, Sea Grant Extension Program

<http://seagrant.ucdavis.edu/boating.htm>  
(858) 694-2845

#### Western Regional Panel

(303) 236-7862  
<http://www.wrp-ans.org>

Report sightings of invasive species toll-free to:  
(877) STOP ANS, or (877) 786-7267



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