

## **Appendix C: CT DEEP and CBFN Self Certification**



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

To: Derby/Tournament director

From: Bill Foreman  
Inland Fisheries Division

Subject: **New requirements for tournaments – preventing spread of zebra mussels**

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Dear Fishing Tournament Director,

Non-native and invasive zebra mussels were found in both Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar in October 2010. Prior to this time, zebra mussels had only been known to occur in Connecticut at East and West Twin Lakes in Salisbury. All these water bodies are popular fishing tournament locations.

The discovery of new zebra mussel locations has led to heightened awareness of the need to prevent the introduction of this highly invasive species into additional water bodies in Connecticut. Fortunately, most water bodies in Connecticut do not have suitable water chemistry to support the establishment of zebra mussel populations. However, certain water bodies that host open water fishing tournaments do have water quality characteristics (sufficient calcium concentrations) that may make them susceptible to colonization by zebra mussels. These waters are:

- Ball Pond
- Batterson Park Pond
- Beseck Lake
- Candlewood Lake
- Hatch Pond
- Lake Housatonic
- Mudge Pond
- Silver Lake
- Squantz Pond
- Lake Wononskopomuc

Beginning this year (2011), there will be several additional requirements for open water fishing tournaments fishing the water bodies susceptible to possible zebra mussel colonization. These requirements are as follows:

- All operators of boats participating in a fishing tournament/derby conducted on CT waters determined to be susceptible to invasion by zebra mussels must certify that their boat has **1)** not been operated in a water body known to contain zebra or quagga mussels in the 15 days prior to this fishing tournament/derby, or **2)** been properly cleaned/decontaminated (see guidelines).

You or a designee are responsible for ensuring that each participating boater has properly certified boat status by having them sign and note which of the above two choices applies to their boat on the "Tournament/Derby Boater "Clean Boat" certification form.

- Additionally, you or a designee must certify for your organization that all boats and trailers used in the tournament/derby have met the “clean boat” requirements.

Enclosed for your information are copies of both certification forms (the *Tournament/Derby Boater “Clean-Boat” Certification Record* and the *Tournament/Derby Certification*). These forms will also be included in the approved permit packets that you receive following permit approval for tournaments being conducted at water bodies susceptible to zebra mussel colonization. These forms will also be available on the DEP website ([www.ct.gov/dep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/dep/fishing)). Both forms must be completed and available for review by DEP staff at the time of the tournament/derby, and copies of the completed forms must be returned to DEP Inland Fisheries within seven days of the event. It is strongly advised that clubs/organizations plan ahead and arrive at launch areas earlier than usual to allow sufficient time to complete the self-certification process. **Failure to fully follow these requirements for self-certification can result in immediate revocation of the permit for the event, and negatively impact status of future permits and permit applications.**

Additionally, clubs/organizations should not plan to fish a water body susceptible to zebra mussel colonization within 10 days following fishing East Twin Lake, Lake Lillinonah and/or Lake Zoar. **DEP will not approve/issue permits for tournaments at a zebra mussel susceptible water body within 10 days following a tournament conducted by the same club/organization at East Twin Lake, Lake Lillinonah and/or Lake Zoar.**

In those few instances where applications have already been submitted for an event on a zebra mussel susceptible water body within ten days of fishing a CT water body containing zebra mussels, we will work with those involved to appropriately reschedule their tournaments.

This year for tournaments held on East Twin Lake, Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar, we will also be enclosing in the approved permit packets information on precautions that participants should take (including before leaving the launch) that will help prevent the further spread of zebra mussels.

Your cooperation is appreciated, and will both help prevent the spread of zebra mussels and ensure the long-term future of fishing tournaments in Connecticut. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact me by phone (860-424-3868) or email ([William.foreman@ct.gov](mailto:William.foreman@ct.gov)).

Thank you,

Bill Foreman

Inland Fisheries Division  
Department of Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106



# Tournament/derby boater "clean-boat" certification record

All operators of boats participating in a fishing tournament/derby conducted on CT waters determined to be susceptible to invasion by zebra mussels must certify that their boat:

- 1) Has not been operated in a water body known to contain zebra or quagga mussels in the 15 days prior to this fishing tournament/derby (*see reverse for list*),  
or
- 2) Has been properly cleaned/decontaminated (*see reverse side for protocols*).

**Failure to do so can result in revocation of the permit for this tournament/derby and negatively affect future permitting.**

Tournament sponsor/organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament/derby date: \_\_\_\_\_ water body: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of boat operator*

*Clean certification (check one)*

1. _____	Boat has not been put in waters containing zebra or quagga mussels in the past fifteen days.	Boat has been properly decontaminated _____
2. _____	Boat has not been put in waters containing zebra or quagga mussels in the past fifteen days.	Boat has been properly decontaminated _____
3. _____	Boat has not been put in waters containing zebra or quagga mussels in the past fifteen days.	Boat has been properly decontaminated _____
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## TOURNAMENT/DERBY ZEBRA MUSSEL PROTOCOLS

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All operators of boats participating in a fishing tournament/derby conducted on CT waters determined to be susceptible to invasion by zebra mussels must certify that their boat has:

1. Not been operated in a water body known to contain zebra or quagga mussels in the 15 days prior to this fishing tournament/derby,

The following Northeast waters are known to contain zebra mussels (as of February, 2011):

**CONNECTICUT**

East/West Twin Lakes  
Lake Lillinonah  
Lake Zoar

**VERMONT**

Lake Bomoseen  
Lake Champlain  
Lake Hortonia

**NEW YORK**

Ballston Lake  
Lake Champlain  
Hudson River  
Lake George

Mohawk River  
Saratoga Lake  
Saint Lawrence River  
The Finger Lakes

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Laurel Lake  
Upper Housatonic River

**OTHER WATER BODIES**

Susquehanna River  
The Great Lakes  
or any other water body known to contain zebra mussels.

**OR**

- 2) The boat has been properly cleaned/decontaminated. You have taken the following steps:

**CLEANED**

- ✓ Inspected all areas of your boats, trailer and vehicle used to trailer your boat.
- ✓ Removed all plants, plant fragments, mud, fish or animals.

**DRAINED**

- ✓ Eliminated water from boat and all equipment, including motors, jet drives, bilges, live wells and storage compartments.

**DRIED or WASHED**

- ✓ Dried anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, trailering vehicle) **for at least 5 days.**

or

- ✓ If you did not dry your boat and equipment for at least 5 days before entering new waters, you must have thoroughly decontaminated them. The boat (including bilge area, livewells and engine cooling system), trailer and equipment washed with one or a combination of the following:

- **Hot or high-pressure water.**
- **Chlorine/bleach solution** (1 ounce per gallon of water).
- **Vinegar** (as sold).

A reminder to boaters- IT'S THE LAW! (CGS sec. 15-180): **Boaters must inspect their vessel and trailer for vegetation** and properly remove and dispose of any vegetation before transporting the vessel. You can be fined \$95 per violation.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

To: Derby/Tournament Permit holder

From: William Foreman  
Inland Fisheries Division

Subject: **fishing tournaments on Lake Lillinonah – preventing the spread of zebra mussels**

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**Zebra mussels were recently found (October 2010) in both Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar.** This is the first report of a new infestation of this highly invasive bivalve in Connecticut since 1998 when zebra mussels were first discovered in the Twin Lakes (first in East Twin Lake and then in West Twin Lake).

To prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional water bodies, participants of your tournament on Lake Lillinonah are asked to take the following precautions after fishing:

**BEFORE LEAVING THE BOAT LAUNCH**

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***CLEAN***

- ✓ Inspected all areas of their boats, trailers and vehicles used to trailer boats.
- ✓ Remove all plants, plant fragments, mud, fish or animals.

***DRAIN***

- ✓ Eliminate water from boat and all equipment, including motors, jet drives, bilges, live wells and storage compartments.

**AT HOME (*before launching elsewhere*)**

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***DRY or WASH***

- ✓ Dry anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, trailering vehicle) **for at least 5 days.**

**OR**

- ✓ Wash boat (including bilge area, livewells and engine cooling system), trailer and equipment with one or a combination of the following:
  - **Hot or high-pressure water.**
  - **Chlorine/bleach solution** (1 ounce per gallon of water).
  - **Vinegar** (as sold).

Thank you for your cooperation - GOOD FISHING!!!

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To: Derby/Tournament Permit holder  
From: William Foreman  
Inland Fisheries Division  
Subject: **fishing tournaments on Lake Zoar – preventing the spread of zebra mussels**

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To prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional water bodies, participants of your tournament on Lake Zoar are asked to take the following precautions after fishing:

**BEFORE LEAVING THE BOAT LAUNCH**

***CLEAN***

- ✓ Inspected all areas of their boats, trailers and vehicles used to trailer boats.
- ✓ Remove all plants, plant fragments, mud, fish or animals.

***DRAIN***

- ✓ Eliminate water from boat and all equipment, including motors, jet drives, bilges, live wells and storage compartments.

**AT HOME (before launching elsewhere)**

***DRY or WASH***

- ✓ Dry anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, trailering vehicle) **for at least 5 days.**

**OR**

- ✓ Wash boat (including bilge area, livewells and engine cooling system), trailer and equipment with one or a combination of the following:
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To: Derby/Tournament Permit holder  
From: William Foreman  
Inland Fisheries Division  
Subject: **fishing tournaments on East Twin Lake – preventing the spread of zebra mussels**

**Zebra mussels were recently found (October 2010) in both Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar.** This is the first report of a new infestation of this highly invasive bivalve in Connecticut since 1998 when zebra mussels were first discovered in the Twin Lakes (first in East Twin Lake and then in West Twin Lake).

To prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional water bodies, participants of your tournament on East Twin Lake are asked to take the following precautions after fishing:

**BEFORE LEAVING THE BOAT LAUNCH**

***CLEAN***

- ✓ Inspected all areas of their boats, trailers and vehicles used to trailer boats.
- ✓ Remove all plants, plant fragments, mud, fish or animals.

***DRAIN***

- ✓ Eliminate water from boat and all equipment, including motors, jet drives, bilges, live wells and storage compartments.

**AT HOME (before launching elsewhere)**

***DRY or WASH***

- ✓ Dry anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, trailering vehicle) **for at least 5 days.**

**OR**

- ✓ Wash boat (including bilge area, livewells and engine cooling system), trailer and equipment with one or a combination of the following:
  - **Hot or high-pressure water.**
  - **Chlorine/bleach solution** (1 ounce per gallon of water).
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION  
BOATING DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 280, 333 FERRY ROAD

TEMPLATE

**MARINE EVENT PERMIT**

**Permit Number: 00-11ZM**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, section 15-140b, and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, section 15-121-A6, a Marine Event Permit is hereby issued to:

**JDB Productions**  
**300 West 52<sup>th</sup> Street, #2B or not**  
**NY, NY 10019**

**Attn: John Byron**  
**Home: (646) 966-5593**  
**Email: jdbyronjr@gmail.com**

**Event Information**

Type of event: **Triathlon**

Description: **Swim portion of Triathlon, up to 300 swimmers, 15-20 athletes per wave.**

Waterbody: **Candlewood Lake**

Town(s) in which event will occur: **Sherman**

Type(s) and # of vessels: **4-6 safety vessels (6-10 lifeguards on paddleboards, in kayaks and boats and on the beach).**

Estimated # spectator craft: **Unknown**

**See the attached map/diagram of the event course.**

The event shall be held during the following dates and times only:

Dates/times: **July 23 and September 24, from 0730 to 1000.**

Rain dates/times: **none**

This permit does not relieve the Permittee of their responsibility for the safe event planning, including the participants, spectators and vessels in the event area. Participants shall possess Connecticut Safe Boating Certificates or Certificates of Personal Watercraft (as required), be adequately briefed on the event and have their vessels equipped as required by law.

A permit or authorization may also be required by another state, federal, county or municipal agency. This permit grants no exemptions from any local ordinances or state laws except as indicated below. In addition, this permit does not give organizers, participants or spectators permission to encroach upon on private property, nor does it release the Permittee of their obligation to obtain required permits/authorizations from the affected property owner(s) or local authorities.

**Permit Conditions and Requirements:**

1. Zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Zoar and Lake Lillinonah on October 2010. This is the first new report of zebra mussels in Connecticut since 1998 when they were discovered in East and West Twin Lakes in Salisbury. The Candlewood Lake ecosystem can support zebra mussels. This permit requires that boats participating in marine events **must** certify that their vessels are free of any invasive species by completing the self-certification forms on pages 3 and 4 of this permit. To ensure that the vessels are invasive species free, all operators should follow the **Clean, Drain, Dry** methods *prior* to the marine event.

- **Clean:** all visible plant, fish, and animals as well as mud or other debris. Do not transport them home.
- **Drain:** all water from every space and item that may hold water.
- **Dry:** anything that comes in contact with water (boats, trailers, anchors, propellers, etc) for a minimum of 1 week during hot/dry weather or a minimum of 4 weeks during cool/wet weather.

**If drying is not possible, you must wash your boat prior to the event. The techniques listed below are for decontaminating your vessel:**

- Wash your boat with hot, pressurized water.
- Dip equipment in 100% vinegar for 20 minutes prior to rinsing.
- Wash with a 1% salt solution (2/3 cup to 5 gallons water) and leave on for 24 hours prior to rinsing.
- “Wet” with bleach solution (1oz to 1 gallon water) or soap and hot water (Lysol, boat soap, etc) for 10 minutes prior to rinsing.

**After the event; clean and drain at the launch and dry before your next launch.**

1. The self-certification forms must be completed and returned, **within 7 days of the conclusion of the event, to:** CT DEEP Boating Division, 333 Ferry Road, P.O. Box 280, Old Lyme, CT 06371, attn: John Byron or **emailed to:** [john.byron@ct.gov](mailto:john.byron@ct.gov)
2. The Chief Safety Officer shall have access to a cell phone or VHF radio at all times during the event.
3. Safety officers, 6-10 lifeguards on the beach, in safety vessels (paddleboards, kayaks and boats) are required to ensure the safety of the race participants and must be positioned at various locations throughout the racecourse in such a way that the participants are in sight at all times.
4. Orange buoys, flags or signs must be placed to mark the racecourse.

**BY AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Eleanor C. Mariani, State Boating Law Administrator**

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**Date**



**MARINE EVENT PERMIT CERTIFICATION FOR EVENTS ON ZEBRA MUSSEL SUSCEPTABLE WATERS**

Certain waterbodies that host marine events have water quality characteristics (sufficient calcium concentrations) that make them susceptible to colonization by zebra mussels. In Connecticut these waters are Ball Pond, Batterson Park Pond, Beseck Lake, Candlewood Lake, Hatch Pond, Housatonic River, Mudge Pond, Silver Lake and Squantz Pond. As a condition of the permit to conduct a marine event on these waters, both this certificate and the Marine Event "clean-boat" certification record must be completed and available for review by the DEP at the time of the marine event. Copies of both completed forms must also be returned to the Boating Division within seven days of the completion of the event. Failure to follow these requirements can negatively impact the status of future permits.

MARINE EVENT PERMIT INFORMATION:
Marine Event Permit Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_
Marine Event Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_
Location of Event: \_\_\_\_\_
Town: \_\_\_\_\_
Date(s) of Event: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant in charge of the event), for \_\_\_\_\_ certify that all watercraft, associated trailers and equipment used in this marine event meet the clean boat certification requirements as described in the clean boat certification form required for boats participating in a permitted marine event on waterbodies susceptible to the establishment of invasive zebra or quagga mussels.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant In Charge Of Event

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return (mail, email or fax) this form within 7 days of the completion of the event to:

DEP Boating Division
Navigation Safety/ Boating Access Unit
333 Ferry Road, P.O. Box 280
Old Lyme, CT 06371
Attn: John Byron
Phone: (860) 434-8638
Fax: (860) 434-3501
Email: john.byron@ct.gov



# Marine Event boater "clean-boat" self-certification record

All operators of boats participating in a marine event conducted on CT waters determined to be susceptible to invasion by zebra mussels must certify that their boat:

- 1) Has not been operated in a water body known to contain zebra or quagga mussels in the 15 days prior to this marine event (*see Protocols page*), or
- 2) Has been properly cleaned/decontaminated (*see Protocols page*).

## Failure to do so can result in revocation of the permit for this marine event and negatively affect future permitting.

Event Sponsor/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Marine Event date: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterbody: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Signature of each boat operator</i>	<i>Clean certification (circle one)</i>	
1. _____	Boat has not been put in waters containing Zebra or Quagga Mussels in the past fifteen days	Boat has been properly decontaminated
2. _____	Boat has not been put in waters containing Zebra or Quagga Mussels in the past fifteen days	Boat has been properly decontaminated
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# MARINE EVENT PERMIT ZEBRA MUSSEL PROTOCOLS

All operators of boats participating in a marine event conducted on CT waters determined to be susceptible to invasion by zebra mussels must certify that their boat has:

1. Not been operated in a water body known to contain zebra or quagga mussels in the 15 days prior to this marine event.

The following Northeast waters are known to contain zebra mussels (as of February, 2011):

CONNECTICUT East/West Twin Lakes Lake Lillinonah Lake Zoar VERMONT Lake Bomoseen Lake Champlain Lake Hortonia	NEW YORK Ballston Lake Lake Champlain Hudson River Lake George Mohawk River Saratoga Lake Saint Lawrence River The Finger Lakes	MASSACHUSETTS Laurel Lake Upper Housatonic River OTHER WATER BODIES Susquehanna River The Great Lakes or any other water body known to contain zebra mussels.
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OR

- 2) The boat has been properly cleaned/ decontaminated by using the **Clean, Drain, Dry** technique listed below:

### CLEAN

- Inspect all areas of your boats, trailer and tow vehicle for aquatic vegetation, animals, mud and other debris.
- Remove all plants, plant fragments, mud, fish, animals and debris.

### DRAIN

- All water from boat and equipment, including motors, jet drives, bilges, live wells and storage compartments has been drained.

### DRY

- Anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, trailering vehicle) should be dried for a minimum of 1 week during hot/ dry weather or 4 weeks during cool wet weather
- or
- If you did not dry your boat and equipment for the recommended minimum of 1 week or 4 week, **wash them prior to entering new waters.** The boat (including bilge area, livewells and engine cooling system), trailer and equipment washed with one or a combination of the following. Decontamination methods are listed below. Be sure to wash the boat, including the trailer and equipment.

- ✓ **Hot, high-pressure water.**
- ✓ **Salt water solution (2/3 cup to 5 gal) for 24 hours prior to rinsing.**
- ✓ **100% Vinegar for 20 minutes prior to rinsing.**
- ✓ **“Wet” with a bleach solution (1 oz to 1 gal of water) or soap & water (Lysol, boat soap, etc.) for 10 minutes, prior to rinsing.**

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# Connecticut B.A.S.S. Federation Nation

*Affiliate National B.A.S.S. Federation Nation*

Sponsored by  

February 2011

Re: Suggested Procedures for Reducing the Spread of Zebra Mussels

To all CBFN Members:

We have been alerted to the Zebra Mussel issue that has now entered our state. Your help is requested in reducing the increased spread of Zebra Mussels. In order to control Zebra Mussels we have compiled a list of very important items that you should be doing on a regular basis to deter this invasive species.

The following is a list of preventative measures that we are expecting our membership to put into practice. Everyone must review these procedures. If you are fishing any CBFN tournament, a **signed copy of this letter must** be submitted with your first Tournament Application which will be kept on file. **Retain the Suggested Procedure Form for future reference.**

In the event that you are not aware, pursuant to CT State Law Sec. 15-180 you can be fined \$100 for transporting plants that might be on your boat and/or your trailer.

Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter.

The CBFN Executive Board, Conservation Director and Tournament Director

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the following  
(Name Please Print)

Suggested Procedures for Reducing the Spread of Zebra Mussels and will follow these suggestions to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **General Prevention Procedures for Stopping Aquatic Hitchhikers:**



Follow a general set of procedures every time you come in contact with any body of water. By doing so, you can protect your waters from harmful aquatic hitchhikers –

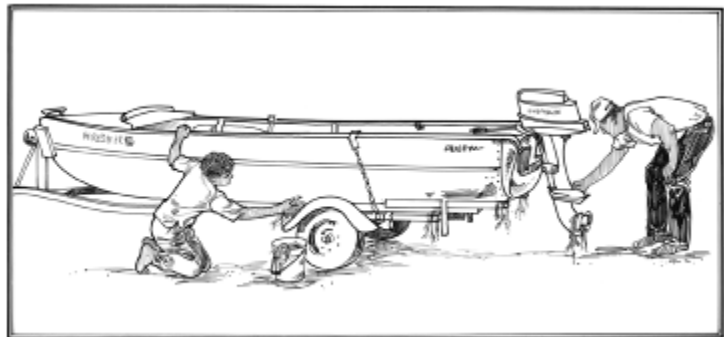
Some organisms are so small that you may not even realize they are hitching a ride with you. So, it is important to follow these 3 key prevention steps every time you leave any body of water.

## **1. CLEAN 2. DRAIN 3. DRY**

### **Remove all visible mud, plants, fish/animals.**

Before leaving any body of water, it is important to examine all your equipment, boats, trailers, clothing, boots, buckets etc. and:

- ◆ Remove any visible plants, fish or animals.
- ◆ Remove mud and dirt since it too may contain a hitchhiker.\*
- ◆ Remove even plant fragments as they may contain a hitchhiker.\*



- ◆ Do not transport any potential hitchhiker, even back to your home. Remove and leave them at the site you visited.

\*The larvae (immature form) of an animal can be so tiny that you cannot see it. However, it can live in mud, dirt, sand, and on plant fragments.

### **Drain water from boat and all equipment before transporting anywhere.**

Much of the recreational equipment used in water contains many spots where water can collect and potentially harbor these aquatic hitchhikers. Thus, make sure that you:

- ◆ Eliminate all water from every conceivable item before you leave the area you are visiting.

- ◆ Remove water from motors, jet drives, live wells, boat hulls, scuba tanks and regulators, boots, waders, bait buckets, seaplane floats, swimming floats.
- ◆ Once water is eliminated, follow the cleaning instructions listed on the back.

**Don't move live fish away from a water body.** Some aquatic invasive species, like diseases or pathogens, can be spread through animals. Ensuring that all water had been drained from your boat and equipment and not transporting fish from one lake to another prevents invasives, like the VHS fish disease, from being spread.

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**Buy minnows from a CT bait dealer and dispose of unwanted bait in trash.** Diseases and pathogens can also be transferred through bait fish, which is why bait can't be used on one water body and re-used on another water body. Use your bait to fish on one lake and then dispose of it in the trash (not in the water or on shore) when you're ready to move on to another lake. Minnows purchased from a licensed CT bait dealer have been certified to be free of AIS and are therefore safe for use.

**Clean and Dry anything that came in contact with the water.** (boats, trailers, equipment, dogs, boots, clothing, etc.) Basic procedures include:

- ◆ Wash- Use hot 104 ° F water to clean your equipment, OR ~212° F water to steam clean.
  - If hot water is not available, **spray** equipment such as boats, motors, trailers, anchors, decoys, floats, nets, **with high-pressure water.**
- ◆ Dry thoroughly for 5 days after cleaning with soap and water and/or high pressure water, OR
- ◆ Vinegar or salt water immersion- The following recipes are recommended for cleaning hard-to-treat equipment that cannot be exposed to hot water:
  - Dipping equipment into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes will kill harmful aquatic hitchhiker species.
  - A 1 % table salt solution for 24 hours can replace the vinegar dip. This table provides correct mixtures for the 1 % salt solution in water:

Gallons of Water	Cups of Salt
5	2/3
10	1 ¼
25	3
50	6 1/4
100	12 2/3

- ◆ Disinfecting with chlorine bleach (1 tablespoon/gallon of water) for 10 minutes. Disinfection measures must be taken prior to moving boats, equipment and other gear from one water body to another. They are not needed daily when using the same waterbody.\*

\*Disinfection should be done in a location away from water bodies to prevent disinfectant from entering water. Every effort should be made to keep the disinfection solution and rinse water out of surface waters.

**DRY Equipment.** If possible, allow for 5 days of drying time before entering new waters.



**Do not release or put plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.**

Also, do not release them into storm drains, because most storm drains lead to water bodies or wetlands. This is an important prevention step because many plants and animals can survive even when they appear to be dead. The two categories below describe some common situations where people may feel compelled to release aquatic plants or animals.

- **Aquarium and Aquatic Pets:** If your family gets tired of its aquarium or aquatic pets, do not release anything from the aquarium (water, plants, fish or animals) into or near a body of water or storm drain. Explain to your children how you could be hurting all of the streams and lakes around the country and killing other fish and animals that already live in the water. If you cannot find a home for the critters in your aquarium, bury them. Dump the water into the toilet or yard, far away from storm drains.
- **Bait:** Whether you have obtained bait at a store or from another body of water, do not release unused bait into the waters you are fishing. If you do not plan to use the bait in the future, dump the bait in a trashcan or on the land, far enough away from the water that it cannot impact this resource. Also, be aware of any bait regulations, because in some waters, it is illegal to use live bait.



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