




Help monitor Saskatchewan waters for invasive mussels!

Invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels

- Zebra and quagga mussels are highly invasive and have not yet been detected in Saskatchewan waters; however, they have invaded lakes and rivers in Manitoba, Ontario, North Dakota and many other provinces and states.
- Once established in a waterbody, options to eliminate invasive mussels are very limited and the chance of eradicating them is significantly reduced as time passes between their entry and detection.
- Early detection of invasive mussels is crucial, especially since adult invasive mussels are very small and the larvae are not visible to the naked eye.

Saskatchewan Adult Invasive Mussel Monitoring (AIMM) Program

- The AIMM program was designed to create partnerships between government and non-government agencies and increase efforts to monitor for invasive mussels in the province.
- By simply inspecting a boat launch, dock or shoreline for invasive mussels the next time you visit a Saskatchewan waterbody, you can provide valuable information about invasive species in the province.
- Anyone visiting a waterbody in Saskatchewan, including cabin owners, beachgoers and recreational boaters should be aware of invasive mussels and can help monitor the presence or absence of these harmful species.

Native	Invasive	
<p>Pea Clam Family: <i>Sphaeridae</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, less than 1" in size • Rounded or oval in shape • Pale yellow to dark brown • Umbo at peak of shell • Smooth with fine striations • Will NOT attach to surfaces 	<p>Zebra Mussel <i>Dreissena polymorpha</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, less than 1.5" in size • Triangular in shape • Darker in colour • Zigzag shell pattern • Byssal threads to attach to hard surfaces 	<p>Quagga Mussel <i>Dreissena bugensis</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, less than 2" in size • Semi-rounded in shape • Lighter in colour • Circular dark bands on shell • Byssal threads to attach to hard surfaces



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