

## **Zebra Mussel Concerns**

A small freshwater mollusk called the zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*), has been steadily invading America's rivers and lakes. Zebra mussels upset ecosystems, threaten native wildlife, damage structures, and cause other serious problems.

So that boaters and fishermen do not inadvertently transfer mussel larvae from one water body to another, it is recommended that only boats that have been cleaned, drained, and dried be launched.

For more information, you may visit the [U.S. Geological Survey](#) website or the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) website.