**Nevada Department of Wildlife's Approach to Prevention and Containment of Dreissenid Mussels

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 **Abstract:**Nevada has been affected by a number of significant invasive species in recent decades, but none more devastating than the quagga mussel (Dreissena rostriformis bugensis). The 2007 discovery of quagga mussels in Lake Mead catapulted the west and Nevada into action. Watercraft inspection programs have been the primary focus in containing regional mussel populations on the lower Colorado River system and preventing their expansion throughout the State of Nevada. With no viable eradication measures available, containment and prevention are our only options. A brief overview of the watercraft inspection program will show case NDOW's efforts to combat this prolific invader.