In an effort to educate boaters, the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) provides training on how to intercept, inspect, detect, contain and decontaminate trailered watercraft and equipment suspected of carrying zebra or quagga mussels. The PSMFC is now offering this watercraft inspection and decontamination training to the State of Missouri.

Do your part to prevent invasive mussels from fouling Missouri’s waters!

Who Should Take this Training?
This training is for state, federal and local natural resource and boating agency personnel.

This training includes information on outreach and education programs, basic mussel biology, distribution, transport vectors and mussel impacts. The focus is on how to inspect for and decontaminate trailered watercraft suspected of carrying zebra or quagga mussels. It includes two hours of instruction, a “Question and Answer” session and a hands-on watercraft inspection exercise.

South Missouri Training
Wednesday, March 4th 2009
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Mid-County Fire Protection District
Camdenton, MO

North Missouri Training
Thursday, March 5th 2009
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Litton Center
Hwy 190 Chillicothe, MO

This training is free, but you do need to register by calling (573) 522 - 4115 ext. 3153 or email Tim Banek at the email address below by February 27, 2009.

A working lunch will be provided.

Send an email to:
Tim Banek, Tim.Banek@mdc.mo.gov
Please provide your name, title, address and phone number and indicate if you which training you would like to attend.

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