

## Invasive Species Transfer

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If you are traveling between fresh water places, you can do your part to prevent invasive species infestation.

For instance, Zebra and Quagga mussels came in ballast water to the Great Lakes in the mid -1980s. They are native to European inland fresh waters. They have spread in lakes and rivers in North America, impacting biodiversity, ecosystem function and human water-use infrastructure. New England has been lucky, so far. Many lakes in New England have inspectors. Here is a US Geological Service map of mussel sightings.



There are a number of invasive plants in the area. Make sure there is nothing green around the boat and trailer.

- Make sure there is no water in the bilge or motor cooling systems
- Wash your boat and trailer off with warm, soapy water, if possible
- Do not transport water from live wells and bait buckets from one water body to another; empty them onto land when possible and dispose of leftover bait in the trash. Most often the bait fish are not native to that water, just like the zebra mussels.