

## New Quagga/Zebra Mussel Prevention Program



We'll try to condense this here so all of you, especially the 'part timers' have access to the new program rules.

\*Resident boats that do not leave the County must be screened, and possibly inspected, and \$10 per boat per year fee paid. (Multiple boat owners may pay at the Water Resources office at the Court House in Lakeport & save \$3 per boat).

\*Out of County boats must be screened & possibly inspected each month they use Lake County waters, and a \$10 per month, per boat, fee paid. There are fees for inspections, but not for decontamination, if needed.

\*Call 707-263-2344 for locations or go online to: <http://www.co.lake.ca.us/Assets/WaterResources/Location+of+Mussell+Screeners.pdf> to review the table of screening locations. The County is in the process of adding signs at the boat ramps directing boaters to nearby screening locations in each town/area where there is a public boat ramp.

\*If a boat leaves the County to another body of water, it must be re-screened & possibly inspected before re-launching into Lake Co waters. The main point is "screened" and "inspected" are two different things. Not every boat requires an inspection, but every boat must be screened (owner answers questions on an affidavit). The frequency of screening varies based upon resident or nonresident status & whether the boat leaves the county. Certain conditions will always trigger an inspection: namely did the boat visit a water body outside of Lake County that is known to be infested or from a County with infested waters or is it wet when it returns to the waters within Lake County. The boats must be clean and dry.

\*There are a number of forms of "proof" that are acceptable to be considered a "resident" vessel: any one will suffice. DMV Registration that identifies the owner as a Lake County resident, boats moored or stored at a commercial facility within Lake County, or other means deemed acceptable by the Director of Water Resources provided that the vessel is on the Lake County Assessors current unsecured tax roll for boats. If it is not on the lake County tax roll, it is not considered a resident vessel.)

\*Remember, any vessel that is not trailerable is not subject to requiring a sticker: canoes, kayaks, car-top boats, non-motorized paddle boats or sailboats less than 8ft in length etc are exempt.

\*The ordinance is being changed to a fine of \$1000.00 for launching in to Lake County waters without a sticker. Warn your neighbors, as many may not have access to this information. We will keep you updated as we receive/gather more information.