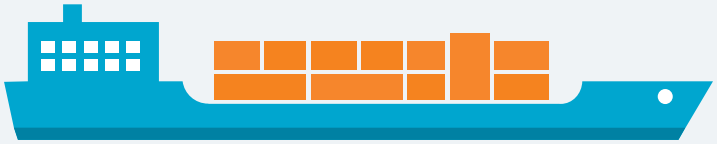
ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS

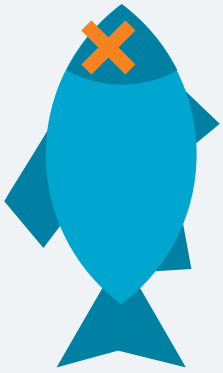
(DREISSENA SPP.)



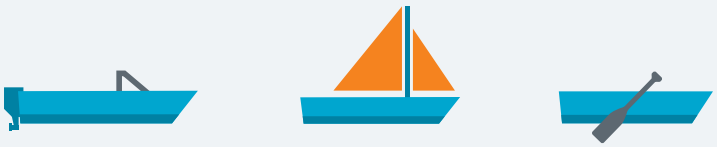
Originated in the Black and Caspian Seas, brought to North America in the ballast of large cargo ships.

1 MILLION EGGS

One female mussel can produce up to one million eggs a year.



Invasive mussels can disrupt natural food chains, create toxic algal blooms and reduce recreational enjoyment of natural areas.



Transferred between water bodies on watercraft and equipment that is stored in the water.

$75,000,000

An invasion causes millions of dollars in damage to water-operated infrastructure – one estimate predicts it could cost Albertans over $75 million dollars annually.

NO NATIVE PREDATORS IN ALBERTA

Standing water in bilges, ballasts and live wells can harbour hitchhikers, parasites and disease:

PULL the PLUG

CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT to prevent the spread of invasive mussels.

Alberta Government