

# HB 2076

## Updates to the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (Boat Inspections)



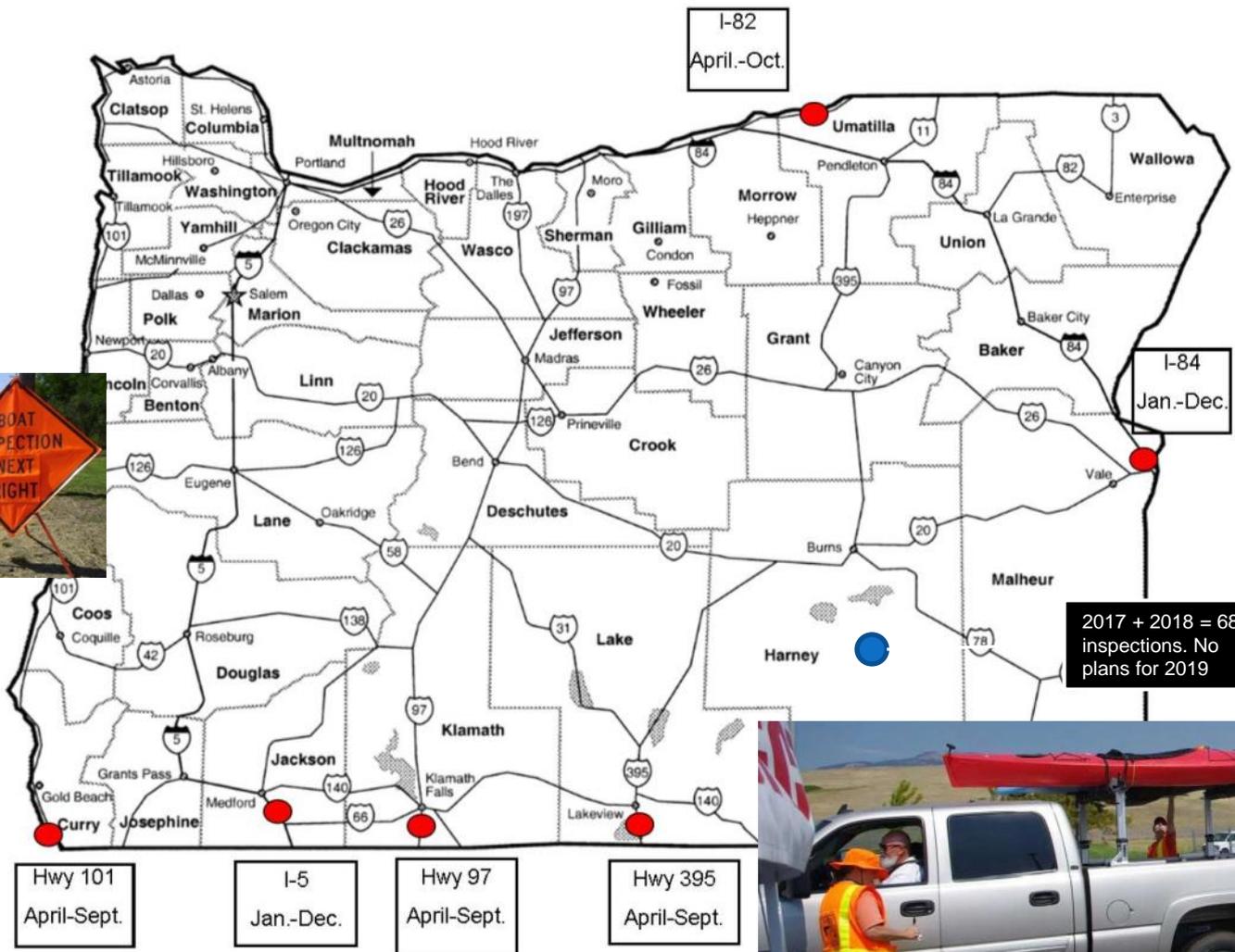
Larry Warren, Director

# Background

- **2009** –HB 2220: established Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program (Boat permits + voluntary boat inspections)
- **2009** -HB 2583: illegal to launch a boat with AIS attached to the exterior of a boat or present within the interior
- **2011** –HB 3399: created mandatory boat inspection station authority
- **2017** –HB 2321: failed due to session ending with no concurrence between House & Senate amendments



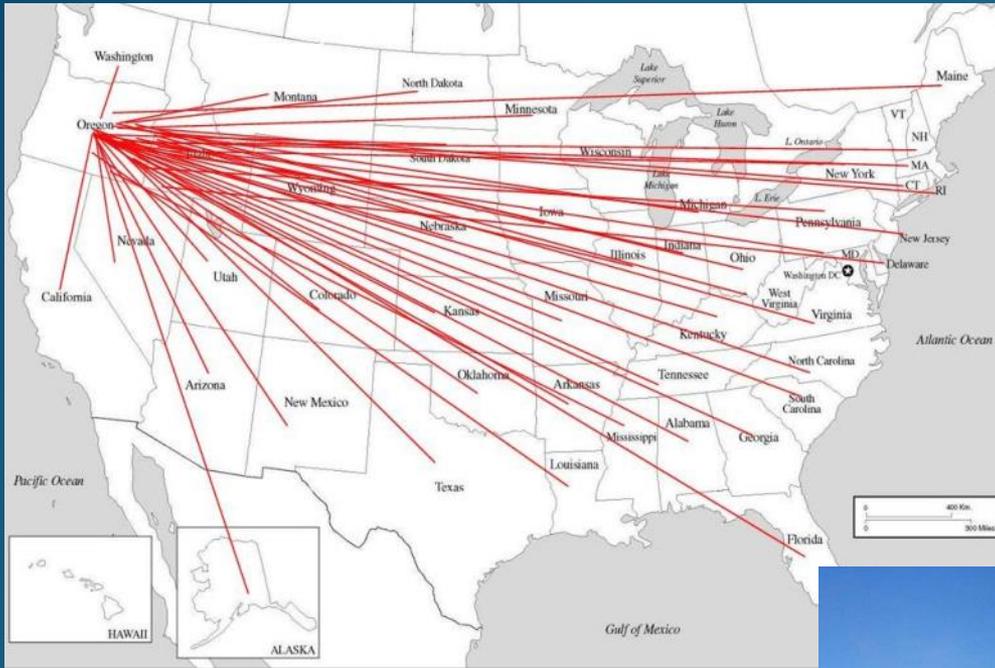
# Boat Inspection Station Locations



2017 + 2018 = 68 inspections. No plans for 2019



# Contaminated Boats are Coming



Invasive mussels



# Western States with Invasive Mussel Contaminated Waters

- Southern California
- Arizona
- Nevada
- Utah
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Nebraska
- Kansas
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Montana (Positive water sample for juvenile life stage confirmed in 2016, no new positive samples since then)



## Zebra and Quagga Mussel Sightings Distribution

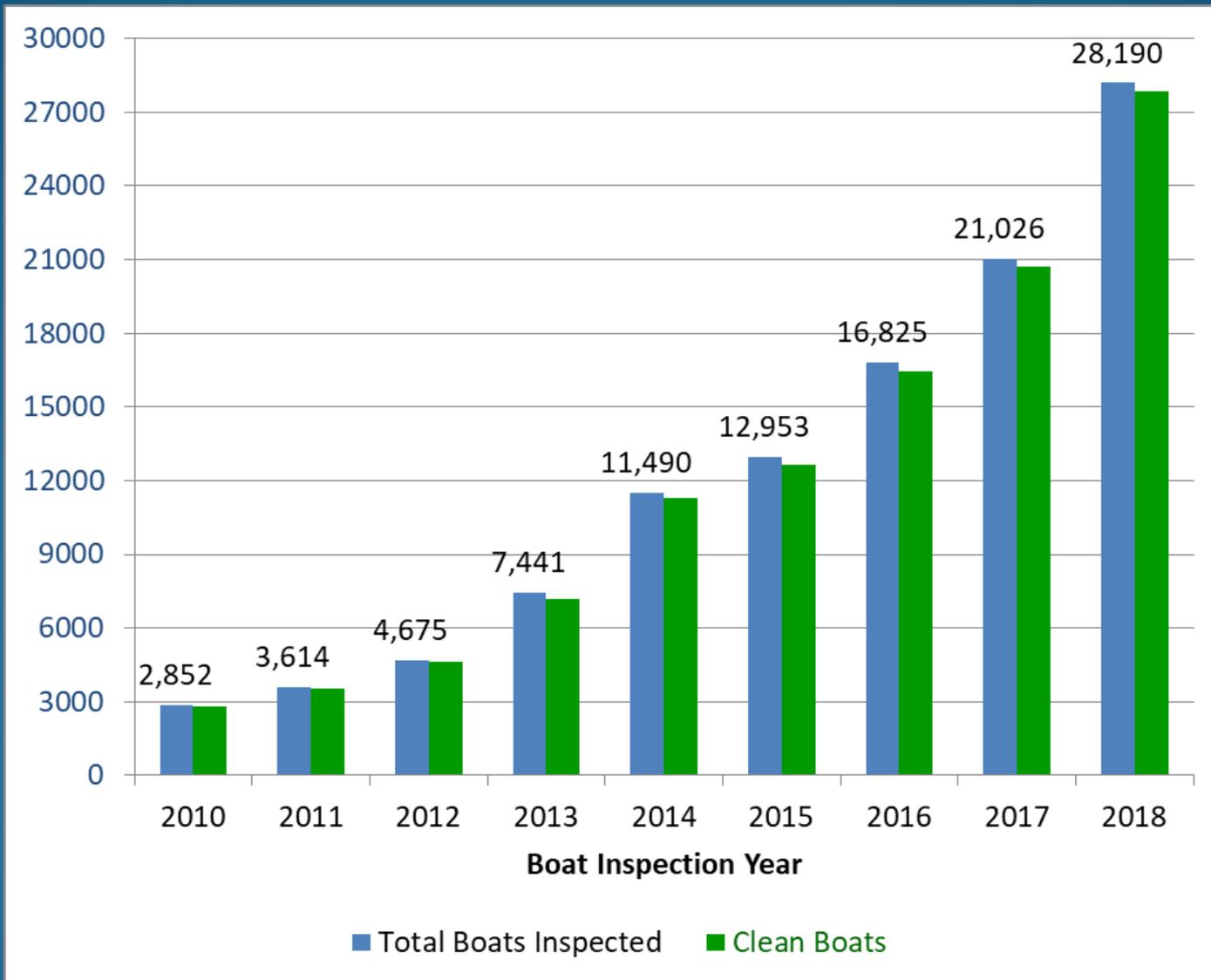
*Dreissena polymorpha* and *D. rostriformis bugensis*

Single positive water sample for juvenile life stage in late 2016

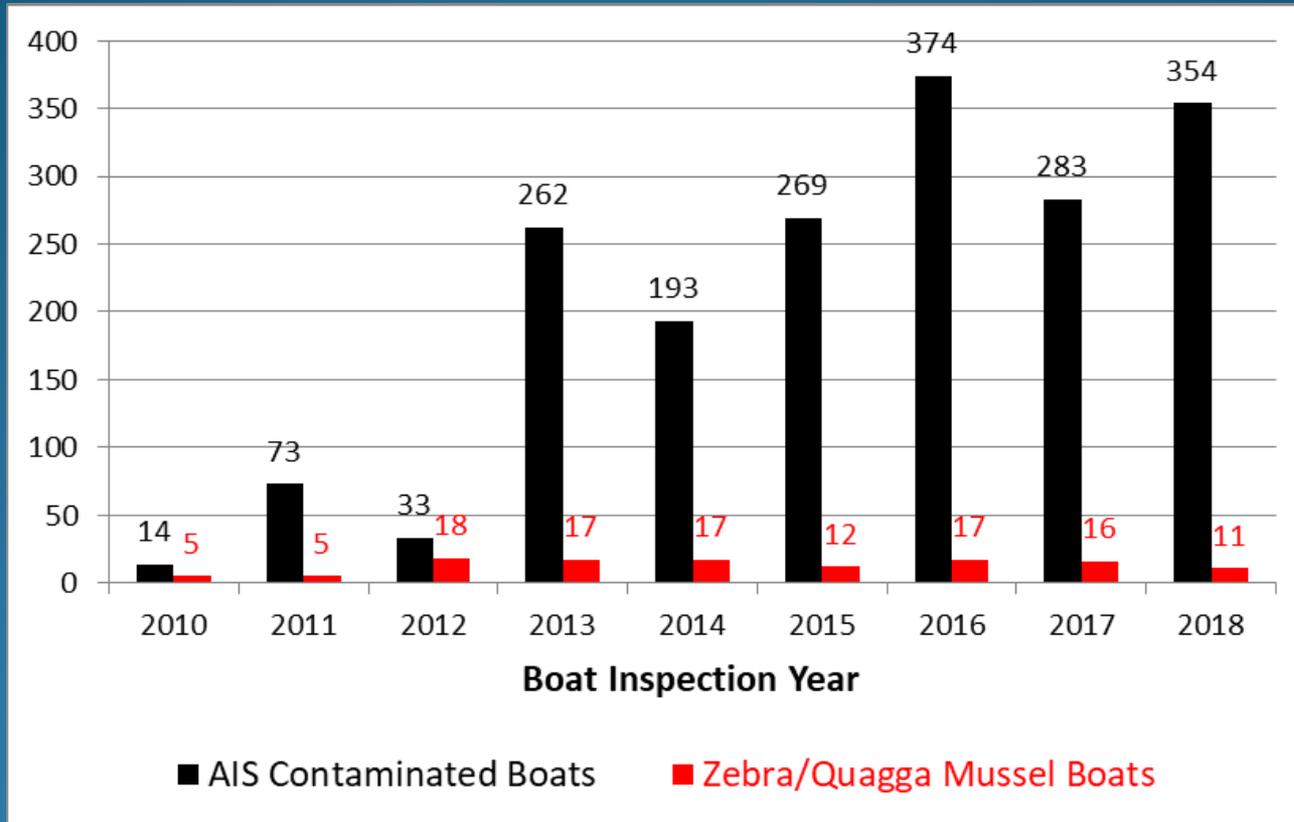


- Zebra mussel occurrences
- Quagga mussel occurrences
- ▲ Zebra or Quagga mussel occurrences
- Both species occurrences
- Zebra/Quagga mussels eradicated
- Zebra/Quagga mussels failed

# Inspection Station Activity



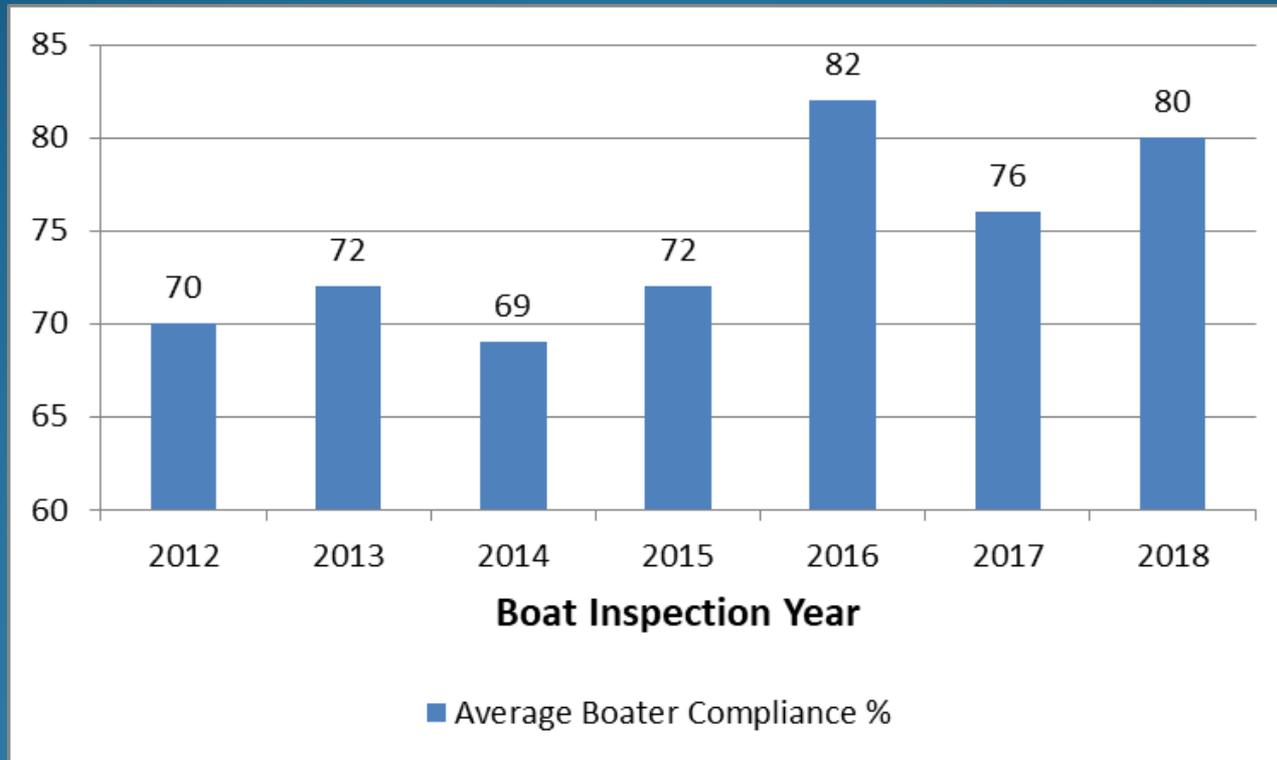
# Boats With AIS Attached



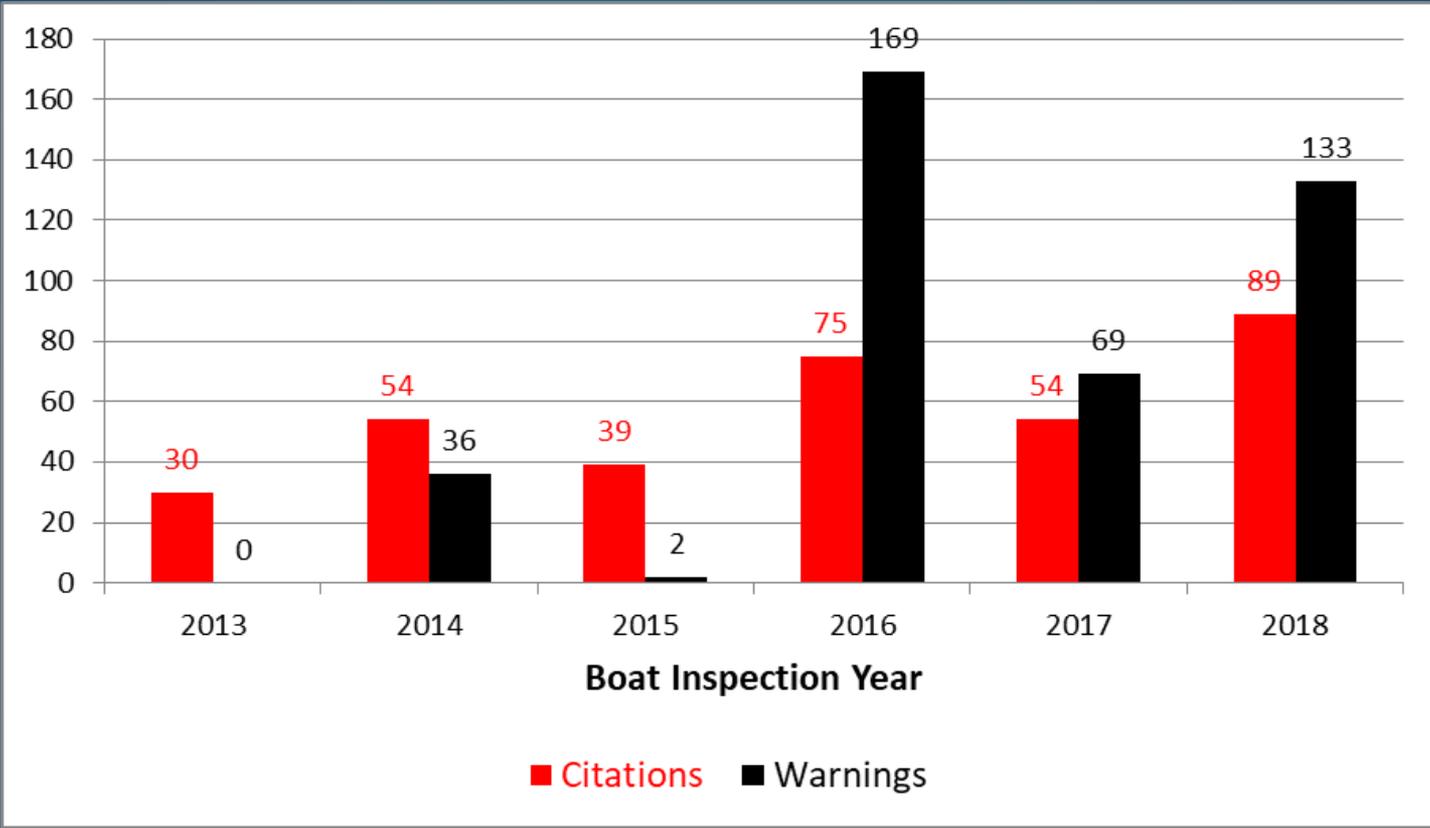
**AIS contaminated boats found with  
snails, aquatic vegetation or various salt water species  
attached**



# Boat Inspection Station State-wide Compliance



# Boat Inspection Station Enforcement



Law Enforcement agencies spend four hours per week at inspection stations monitoring for compliance

Lack authority to direct people who bypass a station to return for inspection/decontamination



# HB 2076 Proposal

Requires all boaters to drain standing water after retrieving their boat:

- Open all drain plugs, bailers, valves or other devices used to control the draining of water from ballast tanks, bilges, live wells and motor wells
- Boats must be transported within the state with no standing water and all drain plugs removed
- Class D violation (presumptive \$30 fine for nonmotorized, \$50 fine for motorized)
- *Exemptions for law enforcement and emergency responders*



States that already have a similar law in-place: AZ, CO, KA, MN, MT, ND, NM, NV, SD, TX, UT, VT, WY

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**Gives law enforcement the authority to require a vehicle transporting a boat that bypasses an open inspection station, to return to the station for inspection/decontamination if the station is open and within five miles of the location of the enforcement stop**

- Failure to return to the station –Class C misdemeanor**
- Class D violation for bypassing an open station (existing law)**

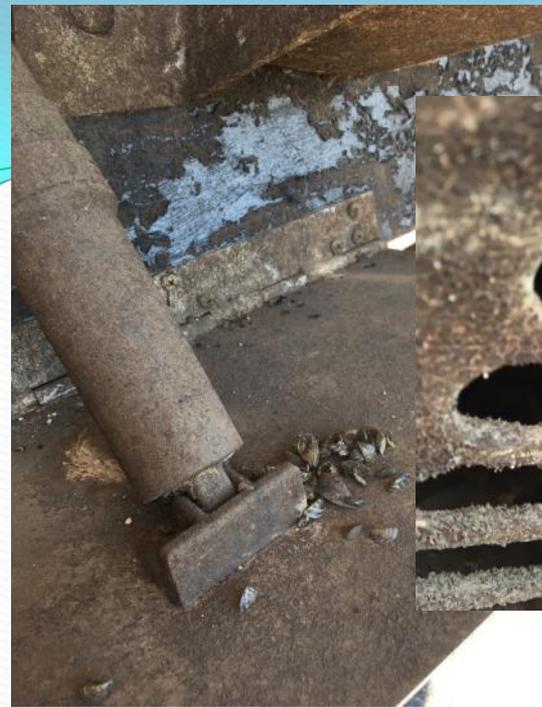


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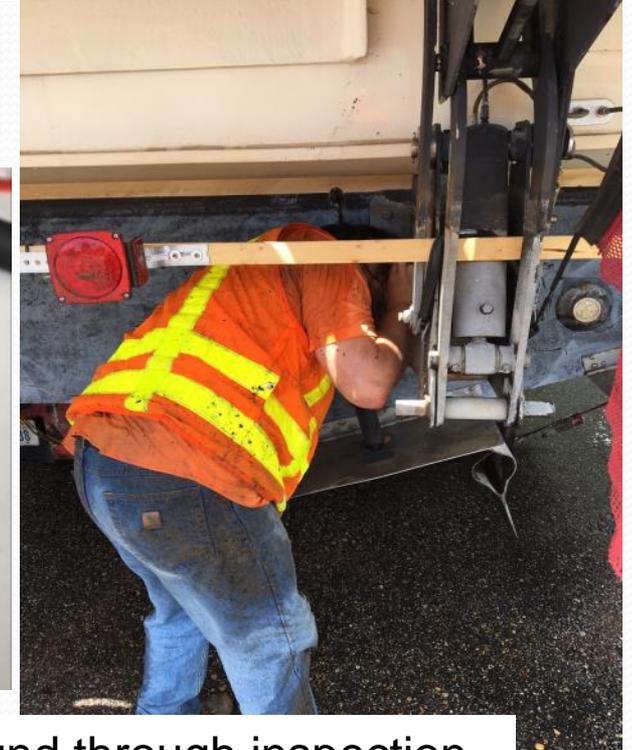
Requires a person to cooperate with the recommended boat decontamination process at an inspection station

- Class D violation for not complying with a decontamination order





## Questions?



Boat from Oklahoma encrusted with mussels found through inspection