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Quagga Mussels



Zebra Mussels

New Golden Mussels

Pathways into Oregon

Ballast Water

Trailered Watercraft

Natural Migration





Quagga mussels found in Snake River east of Oregon

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Golden mussels recently found in Sacramento delta



Watercraft traveled from 132 golden mussel infested waters to Oregon in 2024



Biological

- Food Web
 Disruption
- Blue Green Algae
- Water Clarity

Recreational

- Fouled Engines
- Damage to Docks
- Increased Inspections
- Sharp Shells on Beaches

Expected impacts to Oregon

Infrastructure

- Hydroelectric Dams
- Irrigation Systems
- Hatcheries

Financial

- Potential \$500 million annually to Columbia River Basin dams.
- **\$1 Billion annually** to Great Lakes and Mississippi infrastructure

Waterbody Vulnerability Assessment

- Used to prioritize monitoring resources
- Existing assessment:
 - 15+ years old
 - Does not assess vulnerability to golden mussels

HB 2981 appropriates \$200K to ODFW to update the waterbody vulnerability assessment