

# KAYAKERS: HELP STOP AQUATIC INVADERS

Aquatic Invasive Species pose a serious threat to the recreational and natural resources of Lake Tahoe.

## Why are Aquatic Invasive Species a problem?

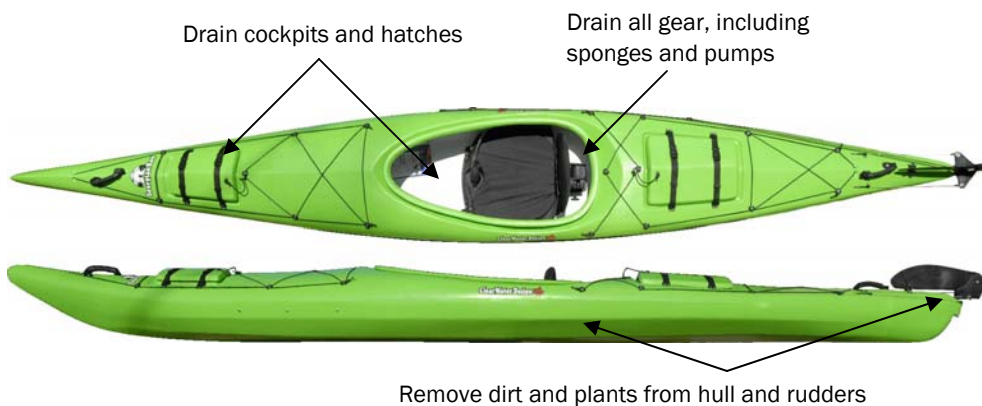
- **EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL** and **CURLYLEAF POND-WEED** grow in thick mats in nearshore areas, altering the ecology and making recreation difficult.
- **ZEBRA** and **QUAGGA MUSSELS** attach to hard surfaces, causing damage to piers, docks, boats, and water intakes.
- **ZEBRA** and **QUAGGA MUSSELS** upset natural food webs by consuming large quantities of phytoplankton that other species need to survive.



Aquatic weeds and invasive mussels are spread by water found in cockpits and gear.

**To prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species:**  
**CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY** your boat before moving to another waterway.

Check these areas on your kayak for Aquatic Invasive Species:



TRPA 79.3A prohibits the transportation or introduction of aquatic invasive species into the Tahoe region. And, the launching of any watercraft contaminated with Aquatic Invasive Species into the waters of the Tahoe Region is prohibited.

For more information, please call **1-888-824-6267** or visit [www.tahoeboatinspections.com](http://www.tahoeboatinspections.com).

- ✓ **CLEAN** kayaks with pressurized water, removing all dirt, plant, and animal material from your rudder, hull, cockpit, and fishing gear.
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of foreign matter above the waterline on dry land or in a trash can.
- ✓ **DRAIN** the water from your hatches and cockpits on land before you leave the immediate area.
- ✓ **DRY** your kayak before launching.