

2014 ANS Program Protocol

To ensure that no Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are introduced into the Boulder Reservoir, it is necessary to inspect each watercraft that enters the premises. Aquatic Nuisance Species that we are currently concerned about are **Zebra mussels, Quagga mussels, and Water flea.**

2014 Colorado ANS positive or suspect bodies of water include:

- Pueblo Reservoir (quagga mussel)
- Chatfield Reservoir (water flea)
- Douglas Reservoir (water flea)
- John Martin Reservoir (water flea)
- Navajo Reservoir (water flea)

Incoming Watercraft:

- All watercraft, including inflatables with more than 1 chamber, are required to have current 2014 permit.
- One Permit is valid per one watercraft. Permit must be on watercraft or on person at all times.
- All single chambered craft are required to stay within the shallow section of the swim area.
- All watercraft are required to have inspection to launch on Boulder Reservoir and must launch from the south shore.

Entering Inspections:

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| • Current intact Boulder Reservoir green tag with matching receipt | Standard inspection |
| • Current intact Boulder Reservoir green tag without matching receipt | High risk inspection |
| • Tag from negative CO body of water | High risk inspection |
| • Tag from positive/suspect CO body of water | Decontamination |
| • Out of State (not Colorado) | Decontamination |
| • No tag | Decontamination |
| • Tag form Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife | High risk Inspection |

**** Any inspection may lead to a decontamination****

Watercraft Quarantine Periods:

Quarantine Periods are required for watercraft that cannot be completely decontaminated. Watercraft is required to have a decontamination before the start of a quarantine period. Pontoon boats and Jet boats are subject to an additional quarantine period.

**All quarantine periods are:
30 days**

This time period is based on data received from the State of Colorado.

****When dealing with a suspect watercraft, decontamination will be done then the watercraft will be required to sit for maximum of 7 days pending sampling results.**

Live Bait Regulations:

1. Live aquatic bait is prohibited west of the Continental Divide, except at Navajo Reservoir, and east of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet.
2. In areas where live bait is allowed, boaters **must show a receipt that the bait was purchased within seven days of use from a Colorado commercial bait dealer** and the receipt must itemize the type of the bait purchased.
3. The Boulder Reservoir reserves the right to deny the use of any bait for environmental safety reasons.

Live Bait Recommendations:

1. Anglers should not collect and transfer live bait from a reservoir where mussel larvae have been found.
2. Anglers using live bait should always minimize the transfer of water with bait between reservoirs. Netting bait and transferring to a clean container with distilled water will minimize risks of ANS transfer.

****Anglers should rinse and thoroughly dry all equipment between each use****

Definition of Terms:

Clean - Absent visible ANS, attached vegetation, dirt, debris or surface deposits including mussel shells or residue on the watercraft, trailer, outdrive or equipment that could mask the presence of attached mussels.

Drained -All water drained from any live-well, bait-well, storage compartment, bilge area, engine compartment, floor, ballast tank, water storage and delivery system, cooler or other water area of the watercraft, trailer, engine or equipment.

Dry - No visible sign of any standing water on or in the watercraft, trailer, engine or equipment.

Suspect watercraft - any watercraft that is identified by an inspector as having any material suspected to be aquatic nuisance species.