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QUAGGA MUSSEL

Quagga mussels range from microscopic to the size of a fingernail, are prolific and attach themselves to any hard surface. Once they are established in a waterway, they have significant environmental, recreational, and economic impacts. Quagga can cause significant maintenance challenges to water systems, requiring millions of dollars annually to treat. They also wreak havoc with the environment, disrupting the natural food chain and releasing toxins that affect other species.

The Quagga mussel has been spotted in other lakes in California and San Diego County; therefore, Santee Lakes has a temporary ban on the following items:

1. All personal watercraft (kayaks, float tubes, canoes, row boats).
2. Live bait from any source other than Santee Lakes General Store.
3. Live bait containers from any source other than Santee Lakes General Store.
4. Fish finders
5. Floating catch buckets
6. Any other items, determined by Santee Lakes Staff, to be potential contaminants.

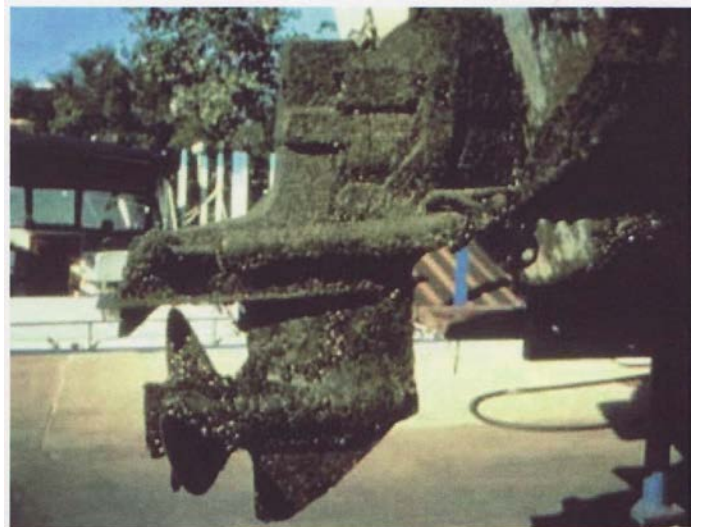
For more information on the Quagga Mussel, visit the California Department of Fish and Game Web site at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/quaggamussel/>



An example of what a quagga mussel looks like (not to scale).



A pipe infested with quagga mussels.



This boat motor is covered with quagga mussels. These prolific mussels can cover a submerged item in days.