

AIS Rapid Response

June 2014



Incident Details:

Species Found: **Quagga Mussels**

Alive/Dead: **Dead**

Date Found: **June 14, 2014**

Last Waterbody: **Lake Havasu, AZ (2013)**

Destination: **Lake Whatcom, Bellingham, WA**

Inspected by: **D. Lofgren & S. Soderquist (LWMP)**

Decon by: **D. Lofgren (LWMP)**

Citation: **None**

Summary:

On Saturday, June 14th, a boat with attached quagga mussels was intercepted at the Bloedel Donovan Check Station prior to launching at Lake Whatcom. The owner stated that they had recently purchased the 17 ft. vessel from Olympia, WA but did not know the launch history of the vessel. The vessel was registered in California and had Arizona trailer plates. The AIS Program Coordinator was able to contact the previous owner and learned that the boat was last used at Lake Havasu, AZ prior to being in dry storage for the past year in Olympia, WA. The boat had several dead, juvenile life-stage quagga mussels on the outdrive gimbals area. These mussels were physically removed and

the boat was decontaminated using 140 degree, high-pressure water. The owner was charged a \$25.00 fee for the decontamination costs.

Photos
Left - Preparing to decontaminate infested boat at Bloedel Donovan Park
U. Right - Quagga mussel from outdrive gimbals area with Nickel
L. Right - Quagga mussel found on boat

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