

Don't Move a Mussel



Aquatic invasive species like **quagga mussels** and **zebra mussels** are small organisms that could have huge impacts for Wyoming's waters, boaters and anglers. They can ruin fisheries, clog cooling systems in motorboats, foul hulls and ruin equipment. These organisms have **not** been found in Wyoming **yet**, but are present in several bordering states.

Help protect Wyoming's waters by making sure you Don't Move a Mussel!

Follow These Simple Steps:

✓ **DRAIN** Eliminate all water before leaving the area, including wells, ballast and engine cooling water.

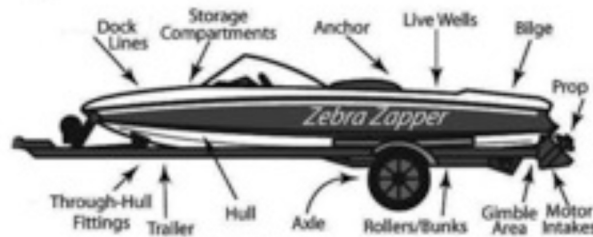
✓ **CLEAN** Remove all plants, animals and mud from equipment and boats. Thoroughly wash everything, including all crevices and other hidden areas.

✓ **DRY** Allow time for your boat and gear to completely dry before launching or recreating in other waters.



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For more information, visit www.100thmeridian.org. Please contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department if you observe quagga or zebra mussels on your equipment or in Wyoming waters. We can provide more information and assistance in removal. Call (800)842-1934 in-state or (307)777-4600.

2015

Pinedale Boat Club Father's Day Derby

Sunday, June 21st



Photo by Kimberly McKie

Rules & Regulations

For more information, call Kimberly
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Notice of Event

The Father's Day Fishing Derby will be held at Fremont Lake, Pinedale, Wyoming on Father's Day, June 21st, 2015. Only fish, freshly caught and promptly turned in and meeting the size limitations set forth in these Rules and Regulations are eligible for prizes. A DEAD FISH WILL BE WEIGHED UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES ONLY. The hours of the Derby are:

Sunday, June 21st - 7:00am to 4:00pm

Headquarters and Weigh-ins

Derby headquarters will be at Lakeside Lodge on the South end of Fremont Lake. Fishing is not allowed before 7:00am. Fish caught earlier than 7:00am will not be accepted for entry in the Derby and will result in immediate disqualification of the entrant and forfeiture of all prizes. All fish entered must be weighed-in and scored at Lakeside Lodge. Entries will not be accepted after 4:00pm on Sunday, June 21st. Weigh-ins and scoring will be conducted by Derby Officials, whose decisions shall be final and binding.

Fees, Registration and G&F Rules

All contestants must abide by all Wyoming Game and Fish regulations concerning fishing, aquatic invasive species and boating. Entrants must have a valid 2015 Wyoming fishing license, AIS decal and conservation stamp in their possession during the hours of the Derby. All Wyoming Fishing Regulations and creel limits¹ applicable to Fremont Lake will apply and will be enforced by Game and Fish personnel. Live fish bait is not allowed. Any contestant violating Game and Fish regulations during the contest will be disqualified. The entry fees for the Father's Day Fishing Derby are as follows:

Boat Club Members - \$20.00
Non-Members - \$40.00

Note: A single Boat Club membership is included in the price of non-member registration.

Registration for the Derby will be held at Derby headquarters on Fremont Lake beginning at 6:00am on the day of the Event.

Prizes and Size Limits

Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish caught. The biggest fish will be determined by weight. To win the top 7 prizes of the Derby, a fish must be at least 24" in length. In the Rainbow or Brown categories, fish must be at least 20".

Fish not meeting the size limits should be released. Check Wyoming fishing regulations for current regulations. Accordingly, anyone entering a fish, 24" or longer, in the Big Fish category may not enter another fish.

The categories and prizes are as follows:

Grand Prize - \$1,000.00
Second Place - \$ 750.00
Third Place - \$ 500.00
Fourth Place - \$ 250.00
Fifth Place - \$ 100.00
Rainbow - \$ 100.00
Brown - \$ 100.00

NOTE: *Cash prizes will be paid for the seven largest fish entered in the Derby. Grand Prize through Fifth Place must be 24" or longer. Rainbow & Browns must be at least 20". Individuals may only win one prize. A Derby official must weigh in fish at Derby headquarters. Only fresh caught will be weighed. Dead fish may not be weighed. Decisions of Derby officials are final and binding.*

The top five prizes will be determined by weight. Length will be used as a tiebreaker. Lake Trout must be 24" or longer to be entered. Participants are encouraged to release fish not meeting minimum length requirements. All fish must be freshly caught from Fremont Lake. Fishing outside Fremont Lake Natural boundaries is prohibited.

Boats

All boats will be required to display an AIS program decal available at the Game and Fish Regional Office. **Expect to be inspected!** Having your boat preinspected at the Game and Fish office will move you through the AIS inspection

more quickly. Any watercraft that has been in a water infested with zebra/quagga mussels within the last 30 days is required to undergo a mandatory inspection by a WGFD authorized inspector prior to launching (this includes pre-contest boating). Participants violating that regulation will be disqualified. Any watercraft coming from out of the state of Wyoming is required to undergo a mandatory inspection by an authorized AIS inspector prior to launching. Participants violating that regulation will be disqualified.

Disclaimers and Restrictions

Entrants are expected to practice good sportsmanship and conduct themselves in a responsible and safe manner. Violation of these Rules and Regulations, or violation of Wyoming Fishing or Boating Regulations, will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all prizes. Each entrant assumes all risks and liabilities. The Pinedale Boat Club disclaims responsibility for any and all personal injury or other liability that might occur as a result of participation in this Derby.

Note to Participants:

The most common violations that are encountered by Wardens are:

- ✓ **No License** - Carry your valid Fishing License with you at all times while fishing.
- ✓ **No Conservation Stamp** - You have to carry this one too.
- ✓ **Possession Violations** - CAUTION: A fish you caught yesterday that is in your cooler or freezer still counts towards your possession limit!
- ✓ **Illegal Bait** - Such as game fish minnows or live minnows.
- ✓ **False Oath** - If you have lived in Wyoming for less than a year, you must have a non-resident license.
- ✓ **Using More Than 2 Poles**
- ✓ **Filleting Trout** - When length limits apply, the head and tail must remain intact.

¹ Wyoming Game and Fish Regulations Chapter 46 Section 6 regarding creel limits reads in part, "... (b) Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the creel limit shall be immediately released to the water with as little injury to the fish as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, in a live well, or not released immediately to the water, shall be considered to be reduced to possession of the angler. No fish that has been reduced to possession of the angler shall be released alive without prior written approval from the Department." This means that any fish entered in the Derby is "reduced to possession", can not be released, and counts towards the entrants creel limit.