

Zebra Mussel Prevention

COMMITTEE

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“Created to take necessary steps to eliminate the possibility of Zebra Mussels in our Lakes.”

ZZM= Zero Zebra Mussels

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The Enemy:



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ENABLERS:

- Construction Barges & Trailers
- Dredging Barges & Trailers
- Marine Repair Delivery Trailers
- New Boat Delivery Trailers
- Boat storage Delivery Trailers
- Multi-Lake Fishermen
- Private Boat Launch Ramps
- Scuba Divers
- Multi-Lake Canoes/ Kayaks
- Migratory Birds
- Live Bait
- Aquatic Control Boats/ Trailers
- Multi-Lake Ski Boats/ Trailers
- Moss Balls from Aquariums

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STAKEHOLDERS:

- **Swimmers:** Foot injuries at Beach & on dock ladders
- **Homeowners:** Lower property values, foul odor, mussels attached to everything, increase weeds
- **Fishermen:** Decrease in phytoplankton & zooplankton could decrease fish quality & quantity
- **CSCD Management:** Weight of mussels cause buoys to sink, mussel-encrusted spillways, lower property values= lower CSCD revenues= higher assessments or reduction in services
- **Down Streamers:** Salt Creek, Lake Monroe, Flat Rock River, East Fork White River
- **DNR:** Infestation in CSCD could result in infestation of many DNR-managed waterways in South-Central Indiana

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Zebra Mussel Devastation



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IDEAS WE ARE RESEARCHING

- Education- Multi-faceted educational outreach for all Stakeholders starting ASAP
- Establish Rules- Dry-time, washing procedures, largest enablers
- Certification Test & Permit- Ensure enablers understand the risks of zebra mussels
- Boat Stewards- Paid & volunteer educators and boat/ trailer inspectors
- DNR Educational Seminar
- Boat/ Trailer Sanitization Site
- RFID Sticker System
- Alert all agencies of new policies
- PR story in BC Democrat
- Gated boat launch sites