

## Western State non-motorized Boat Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection and Permits

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*Why Inspect? Colorado Parks & Wildlife has a good [Invasive Species Overview](#)*

*Always double-check boat inspection and permit regulations before traveling out-of-state*

State	Topic	Website
<b>Arizona</b>	<p><u>Overview</u> Preventive Steps Only</p>	<p><a href="https://www.azgfd.com/fishing-2/aquatic-invasive-species">https://www.azgfd.com/fishing-2/aquatic-invasive-species</a></p>
<b>Colorado</b>	<p><u>Inspections Only</u> Colorado is a mandatory boat inspection state meaning that ALL trailered and/or motorized watercraft are required to be professionally inspected by state certified personnel</p>	<p><a href="https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx">https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/BoatInspection.aspx</a></p>
<b>Idaho</b>	<p><u>Stickers</u> Idaho law requires the owner of any boat and any non-motorized vessel to buy and display an Idaho Invasive Species Fund sticker to legally launch and operate the boat in Idaho.</p> <p><u>Inspection</u> Inspection stations are located on all major highways entering the state. This strategy is taken to maximize contact with boats travelling into the state from potentially fouled waterways.</p>	<p><a href="https://idfg.idaho.gov/info/boat-stickers">https://idfg.idaho.gov/info/boat-stickers</a></p> <p><a href="https://invasivespecies.idaho.gov/watercraft-inspection-stations">https://invasivespecies.idaho.gov/watercraft-inspection-stations</a></p>

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<b>Kansas</b>	<u>Overview</u> Does not seem to require permits or inspections	<a href="https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Aquatic-Nuisance-Species">https://ksoutdoors.com/Fishing/Aquatic-Nuisance-Species</a>
<b>Montana</b>	<u>Inspections and Stickers:</u> Inspection required for both motorized and non-motorized boats. Stickers required for non-resident boats, both motorized and nonmotorized.	<a href="https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/rules">https://fwp.mt.gov/conservation/aquatic-invasive-species/rules</a>
<b>Nebraska</b>	<u>Stickers</u> Only motorized craft need an AIS sticker.	<a href="https://outdoornebraska.gov/aisstamp">https://outdoornebraska.gov/aisstamp</a>
<b>Nevada</b>	<u>Stickers</u> All watercraft using Nevada waters are required to display an Aquatic Invasive Species decal. Costs for the decal are \$6 for non-motorized watercraft.	<a href="https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program">https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program</a>
<b>New Mexico</b>	<u>Inspections</u> Mandatory watercraft inspection required any time an inspection station is set up and in operation	<a href="https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/fishing/fishing-regulations/aquaticinvasive-species/">https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/fishing/fishing-regulations/aquaticinvasive-species/</a>
<b>North Dakota</b>	<u>Overview</u> neither inspections nor stickers required	<a href="https://gf.nd.gov/ans/faq">https://gf.nd.gov/ans/faq</a>

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<p><b>Oregon</b></p>	<p><u>Inspections and Stickers</u> A Waterway Access Permit is required for non-motorized boats 10 feet and longer. The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Permit is included in Waterway Access Permits are required for paddlecraft 10 feet and longer. An out-of-state aquatic invasive species permit is required for <i>motorized</i> boats operating in Oregon waterways.</p>	<p><a href="https://myodfw.com/articles/waterway-access-and-aquatic-invasivespecies-permits">https://myodfw.com/articles/waterway-access-and-aquatic-invasivespecies-permits</a></p>
<p><b>South Dakota</b></p>	<p><u>Inspections (no stickers)</u> All boats traveling through an AIS checkpoint are required to stop. Once stopped, a department representative will conduct a risk assessment. If the vessel meets multiple risk factors, a more thorough risk assessment will be completed.</p>	<p><a href="https://sdleastwanted.sd.gov/laws/default.aspx">https://sdleastwanted.sd.gov/laws/default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Utah</b></p>	<p><u>Overview</u> The presence of quagga and zebra mussels in Utah is currently limited to Lake Powell, but these can attach themselves to your watercraft (e.g., boat, kayak, canoe, paddleboard, etc.) in as little as a day! <u>Required Boater Class:</u></p>	<p><a href="https://wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/invasive-mussels.html">https://wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/invasive-mussels.html</a></p>

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	<p>All boaters (motorized and non-motorized) <i>must take the annual Utah <b>mussel-aware boater course</b> and have proof of course completion in your launch vehicle (a printed copy or downloaded to your <b>DWR Hunting and Fishing mobile app</b>).</i></p>	<p><a href="https://dwrapps.utah.gov/wex/dbconnection.jsp?examnbr=513659">https://dwrapps.utah.gov/wex/dbconnection.jsp?examnbr=513659</a></p>
<p><b>Washington</b></p>	<p><u>Stickers</u> Appears to apply only to boats registered outside the state of Washington. Canoe, kayaks, etc. are not registered in Colorado</p>	<p><a href="https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/boating">https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/boating</a></p>
<p><b>Wyoming</b></p>	<p><u>AIS Stickers</u> A current AIS decal is required for all watercraft (non-motorized inflatables 10 feet or less in length are exempt) prior to launching on any water in the state of Wyoming.</p> <p><u>Inspections and Locations:</u> Wyoming law requires any watercraft entering the state from March 1 - November 30th each year to be inspected for AIS before launching in Wyoming.</p>	<p><a href="https://wgfapps.wyo.gov/also/alsoaiswelcome.aspx">https://wgfapps.wyo.gov/also/alsoaiswelcome.aspx</a></p> <p><a href="https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Aquatic-Invasive-SpeciesPrevention/AIS-Inspection-Locations">https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Aquatic-Invasive-SpeciesPrevention/AIS-Inspection-Locations</a></p>