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SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR CONTESTS CONDUCTED  
 UNDER ANNUAL OR EVENT PERMITS <sup>1</sup>

**Regarding Quagga and Zebra Mussels**

Tournament organizations and participants must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the spread of Quagga (QM) and Zebra (ZM) mussels.

1. On the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, tournament organizations (Permittees) must ensure vessels are clean and free from QM/ZM before the tournament.
2. Anglers in a vessel not clean and dry or with QM/ZM attached cannot participate in the tournament.
3. At pre-tournament meetings and at weigh-ins, organizations must give a short educational briefing to all contestants. The Department will provide educational material for that briefing upon request.
4. Tournament organizations must distribute educational literature (available through the Department, upon request) prior to the beginning of the tournament.
5. Tournament organizations must make a reasonable attempt to ensure participating vessels are clean and dry after the end of the last day of the tournament before they leave the tournament site by trailer. The Boat Cleaning Guide Book can be found here: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=4957>.
6. For large, interstate tournament trails, a mailer with information must be included in sign-up receipts and on internet sites (the Department can provide the mailer information, upon request).
7. Tournament organizations will clean equipment used in the handling of fish using appropriate procedures. Tournament organization staff must be trained in proper procedures by the Department or other appropriate personnel.
8. As much as possible, organizations will schedule tournaments so that boats are traveling from un-infested water bodies to infested waters, not vice versa (i.e. Clear Lake to Lake Havasu rather than the reverse).
9. More information can be found on our website: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel/>.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or desire further clarification of these special conditions, please feel free to contact Ms. Catherine Mandella, Environmental Scientist, at [catherine.mandella@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:catherine.mandella@wildlife.ca.gov) or (831) 588-1463; or Mr. George Neillands, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (707) 576-2812 or [george.neillands@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:george.neillands@wildlife.ca.gov).

**Please sign and return this document to acknowledge your receipt and acceptance of the special conditions.** The special conditions and permit will be returned to you once permitting is completed by our office.

*I hereby certify that I have read these conditions and fully understand them and will implement them as instructed at each tournament in my permit.*

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 Applicant Signature

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 Date

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 Printed Name

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 Organization

<sup>1</sup> Prepared and adopted July 27, 2015