



# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

A message about invasive species issues in California...

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On February 10, 2016, the California Office of Administrative Law issued a Notice of Approval of Regulatory Action for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) proposed dreissenid mussel regulations. These new regulations, Title 14, sections 672, 672.1, and 672.2, developed under the authority of Fish and Game Code sections 702, 2301, and 2302, **become effective April 1, 2016.**

Title 14, sections 672, 672.1, and 672.2 provide CDFW with the authority to verify that efforts are taking place to prevent and control dreissenid mussels throughout the state, provide a process to impound conveyances which may be carrying dreissenid mussels, and enable a permitting process for the possession of dead dreissenid mussels. These authorities benefit the state of California by reducing the number and severity of dreissenid mussel infestations, and these actions will help maintain recreational opportunities at reservoirs and prevent adverse impacts to local businesses that rely upon water based recreation. Water supply infrastructure also benefits due to an infestation's ability to stop the flow of water within the infrastructure leading to economic impacts for local agencies and the public. Preventing new dreissenid mussel infestations and controlling current infestations also helps maintain natural resources that the Department is tasked with managing for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.

Additional information will be made available on our website [www.wildlife.ca.gov/mussels](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/mussels).

If you have questions regarding CDFW's implementation of these regulations please contact us at 1-866-440-9530 or [invasives@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:invasives@wildlife.ca.gov).

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