

Watercraft Bands Used in California and Bordering States

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Invasive Species Program

This document summarizes bands used by agencies throughout California and in bordering states to manage watercraft. Bands are used for a variety of purposes, as described below. Please call 866-440-9530 or email invasives@wildlife.ca.gov to request additions to this list. Banding programs are subject to change so this list should not be considered comprehensive and is provided as a courtesy by the State of California.

If you encounter a watercraft attempting to launch with a “quarantine” band we recommend you do not allow the watercraft to launch and contact your [CDFW Quagga/Zebra Mussel Regional Scientist](#). For all other bands, contact the issuing agency for clarification on the meaning of that band.

Band Categories:

Quarantined under Fish and Game Code Section 2301: Band issued to a quagga/zebra mussel infested watercraft that has been quarantined and prohibited from launching per Fish and Game Code Section 2301 by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or the California Department of Food and Agriculture.



Inspected: Band issued to a watercraft that failed inspection, or that passed inspection but is required to undergo a dry period prior to launching.

Exit Band from Infested Waterbody: Band issued to a watercraft exiting a waterbody infested with dreissenid mussels.

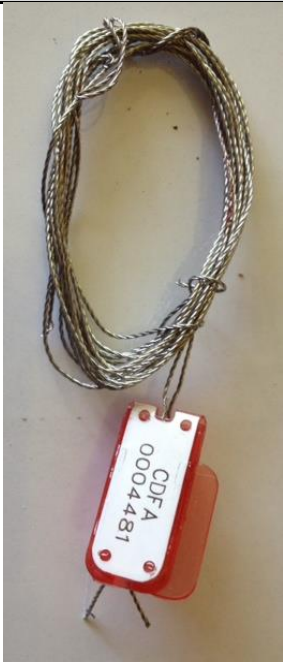

Exit Band: Band issued to a watercraft exiting a waterbody that passed a prelaunch watercraft inspection. Exit bands are used to expedite re-entry and/or may be part of a reciprocal banding program.

This list is organized by band color, then by issuing agency




Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|--|---|---|
|  | <p>Big Bear Municipal Water District:</p> <p><u>Big Bear Lake</u> https://www.bbmwd.com/launching-procedures 909-866-5796</p> | <p>Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p>California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW):</p> <p>Contact the <u>CDFW Regional Scientist</u> responsible for the county in which the watercraft was intercepted.</p> <p>Issued to watercraft infested with quagga/zebra mussel and placed under quarantine by CDFW. Watercraft is prohibited from launching in California until released from quarantine by CDFW.</p> | <p>Quarantined under Fish and Game Code Section 2301</p> |

Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|--|---|
|  | <p>California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA):</p> <p>Contact the CDFW Regional Scientist responsible for the county in which the watercraft was intercepted.</p> <p>Issued to watercraft infested with quagga/zebra mussels intercepted at a CDFA Border Protection Stations and placed under quarantine.</p> <p>Watercraft is prohibited from launching in California until released from quarantine by CDFW.</p> | <p>Quarantined under Fish and Game Code Section 2301</p> |
|  | <p>California Department of Parks and Recreation:</p> <p><u>Lake Perris</u> http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24696 951-940-5600</p> <p><u>Silverwood Lake</u> http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25893 760-389-2281</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |
|  | <p>California Department of Parks and Recreation:</p> <p><u>San Luis Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay, Los Banos Creek Reservoir</u> http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27723 209-826-1197 Ext. 112</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |

Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|--|--|---|
|  | <p>Canyon Lake Property Owners Association:</p> <p>Canyon Lake https://www.canyonlakepoa.com/boatinspections</p> <p>951-244-6841 Ext. 415</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |
|  | <p>Lake of the Pines Association:</p> <p>Lake of the Pines http://www.lop.org</p> <p>530-268-1141</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |
|  | <p>Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation:</p> <p>Pyramid Lake https://www.castaiclake.com/boatinspections</p> <p>661-257-4050</p> <p>NOTE: Pyramid and Castaic lakes are infested with quagga mussel. These are Exit and Shared Bands issued to exiting watercraft at Pyramid Lake. The bands are shared between the two reservoirs to expedite re-entry.</p> | <p>Exit Band from Infested Waterbody</p> |


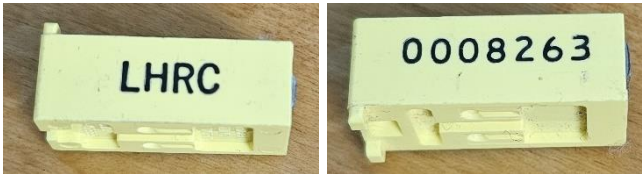


Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|---|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Castaic Lake</u> https://www.castaiclake.com/boatinspections 661-257-4050</p> <p>NOTE: Pyramid and Castaic lakes are infested with quagga mussel. These are Exit and Shared Bands issued to exiting watercraft at Pyramid Lake. The bands are shared between the two reservoirs to expedite re-entry.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exit Band from Infested Waterbody</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">San Diego County Park District:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lake Morena</u> https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-pages/LakeMorena.html 619-579-4101</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">San Luis Obispo County Parks:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lopez Lake</u> https://slocountyparks.com/camp/lopez-lake/ 805-788-2381</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Santa Margarita Lake</u> https://slocountyparks.com/camp/santa-margarita-lake/ 805-788-2397</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Santa Barbara County Parks:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cachuma Lake</u> https://www.countyofsb.org/639/Boating-Vessel-Requirements 805-686-5055</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Inspected</p> |

Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|---|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">United Water District: <u>Lake Piru</u> https://explorelakepiru.com/boating/ 805-521-1500</p> <p>NOTE: Lake Piru is infested with quagga mussels.</p> <p>Issued to exiting watercraft to expedite re-entry at Lake Piru.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exit Band from Infested Waterbody</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Big Bear Municipal Water District: <u>Big Bear Lake</u> https://www.bbmwd.com/launching-procedures 909-866-5796</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Big Bear Municipal Water District: <u>Big Bear Lake</u> https://www.bbmwd.com/launching-procedures 909-866-5796</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA):</p> <p>Contact the CDFW Regional Scientist responsible for the county in which the watercraft was intercepted.</p> <p>Issued to watercraft infested with quagga/zebra mussels intercepted at a CDFA Border Protection Stations and placed under quarantine. Watercraft is prohibited from launching in California until released from quarantine by CDFW.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Quarantined under Fish and Game Code Section 2301</p> |

Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|-----------|
|  | <p>East Bay Regional Park District: <u>Del Valle Reservoir and Quarry Lakes</u> https://www.ebparks.org/activities/boatingsailing/default.htm 510-544-3143</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Lake Hemet Municipal Water District: <u>Lake Hemet</u> https://www.golakehemet.com/marina-rentals 951-659-2680</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>San Luis Obispo County, Department of Public Works: <u>Lake Nacimiento</u> https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Department of Public Works/Services/Programs-Outreach/Lake-Nacimiento-Mussel-Inspection-Program.aspx 805-788-6006 Issued to watercraft associated with private communities' general inspection program.</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency: <u>Echo Lake</u> https://tahoeboatinspections.com/prep-are-for-inspection/# 888-824-6267</p> | Exit Band |

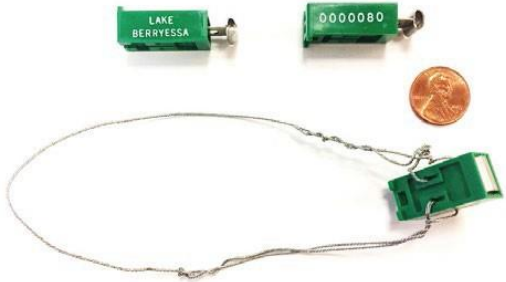



Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|--|-----------|
|  | <p>Arrowhead Lake Association:</p> <p><u>Lake Arrowhead</u> https://www.ala-ca.org/boat_inspections.php 909-337-2595 Ext. 203</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Big Bear Municipal Water District:</p> <p><u>Big Bear Lake</u> https://www.bbmwd.com/launching-procedures 909-866-5796</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>California Department of Parks and Recreation:</p> <p><u>Lake Perris</u> http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24696 951-657-2179</p> <p><u>Silverwood Lake</u> http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25893 760-389-2281</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>California Department of Parks and Recreation:</p> <p><u>San Luis Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay, and Los Banos Creek Reservoir</u> http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27723 209-826-1197 x112</p> | Exit Band |





Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|------------------|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">City of Watsonville: <u>Pinto Lake</u> https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/1525/Pinto-Lake 831-728-6194</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Contra Costa Water District: <u>Contra Loma Reservoir</u> https://www.ebparks.org/activities/boatingsailing/default.htm 925-688-8150</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Monterey County Parks Department: <u>Lake Nacimiento</u> https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/resource-management-agency-rma-parks/lake-nacimiento/quagga-zebra-mussels 805-237-4924</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Santa Barbara County Parks: <u>Cachuma Lake</u> https://www.countyofsb.org/639/Boating-Vessel-Requirements 805-686-5055</p> <p>Issued to exiting watercraft that passed an initial inspection and underwent required dry period.</p> | Exit Band |





Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|--|-----------|
|  | <p>Solano County Water Agency: Lake Berryessa http://www.scwa2.com/resources-management/lake-berryessa-outreach-program 707-455-4450</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Tahoe Regional Planning Agency: Fallen Leaf Lake https://tahoeboatinspections.com/prep-are-for-inspection/ 888-824-6267</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Big Bear Municipal Water District: Big Bear Lake https://www.bbmwd.com/launching-procedures 909-866-5796</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Casitas Municipal Water District: Lake Casitas https://www.casitaswater.org/recreation/boating-and-fishing 805-649-2233 Ext. 103 Issued to exiting watercraft at Lake Casitas. Also used to expedite re-entry.</p> | Exit Band |

Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|--|------------------|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">San Luis Obispo County Parks:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lopez Lake</u> https://slocountyparks.com/camp/lopez-lake/ 805-788-2381</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Santa Margarita Lake</u> https://slocountyparks.com/camp/santa-margarita-lake/ 805-788-2397</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Band in temporary use for 2022.</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">East Bay Municipal Utility District:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>San Pablo Reservoir</u> https://www.ebmud.com/recreation/east-bay/san-pablo-reservoir/ 510-223-1661</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ruth Lake</u> http://www.ruthlakecsd.org 707-574-6332</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Lake of the Pines Association:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lake of the Pines</u> https://www.lop.org/ 530-268-1141</p> | Exit Band |




Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|--|-----------|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">City of Los Angeles Department of Power and Water:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lake Crowley</u> http://www.crowleylakefishcamp.com/boats 760-935-4043</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Tahoe Regional Planning Agency:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lake Tahoe</u> www.tahoeboatinspections.com 888-824-6267</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Water District of Southern California:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diamond Valley Lake</u> http://www.dvmarina.com 951-926-7201</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Big Bear Municipal Water District:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Big Bear Lake</u> https://www.bbmwd.com/launching-procedures 909-866-5796</p> | Inspected |




Watercraft Bands Used in California

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|-------------------------|
|  | <p>Canyon Lake Property Owners Association:</p> <p><u>Canyon Lake</u> https://www.canyonlakepoa.com/boatinsg</p> <p>951-244-6841 Ext. 415</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |
|  | <p>San Luis Obispo County, Department of Public Works:</p> <p><u>Lake Nacimiento</u> https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Services/Invasive-Mussels.aspx</p> <p>805-788-6006</p> <p>Issued to watercraft enrolled in the Resident Vessel Program.</p> | <p>Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p>Santa Clara County Parks:</p> <p><u>Calero Reservoir, Coyote Reservoir, Lexington Reservoir, Stevens Creek Reservoir</u> http://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/Activities/Boating-Fishing/Pages/Boating.aspx</p> <p>408-779-3634</p> | <p>Exit Band</p> |
|  | <p>San Luis Obispo County Parks:</p> <p><u>Lopez Lake</u> https://slocountyparks.com/camp/lopez-lake/</p> <p>Lopez: 805-788-2386</p> <p><u>Santa Margarita Lake</u> https://slocountyparks.com/camp/santa-margarita-lake/</p> <p>Santa Margarita: 805-788-2415</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |

Watercraft Bands Used in Bordering States (Lower Colorado River Region)

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|--|
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Arizona Game and Fish Department:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.azgfd.gov/ais</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(623) 236-7608</p> <p>Primarily used for inspected and/or decontaminated watercraft. Receipts must correspond with the seal to be valid. Side 1 of the seal says "AZGF", side 2 is a 7-digit number. AZGF enters any watercraft contacted for inspection and/or decontamination into the Regional Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination (WID) Data Sharing System.</p> | Inspected |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Nevada Department of Wildlife:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lake Mead, Lake Mohave https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(702) 757-5757</p> <p>Boats removed from Lake Mead and Lake Mohave being transported into town for service.</p> | Exit Band from Infested Waterbody |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">Nevada Department of Wildlife:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, Lower Colorado River https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(702) 757-5757</p> <p>Boats that come out of Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and the Lower Colorado River that have been decontaminated.</p> | Exit Band from Infested Waterbody |

Watercraft Bands Used in Bordering States (Lower Colorado River Region)

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|--|---|
|  | <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife: https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/ (702) 757-5757</p> <p>Boats that have been previously inspected/decontaminated at another location and reinspected at a roadside station and did not require a second decontamination. Nevada Department of Wildlife also inspects boats at dealers and mechanic shops. Boats inspected at dealers and mechanic shops also receive this band.</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |
|  | <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife: https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/ (702) 757-5757</p> <p>Boats that were previously inspected/decontaminated at another location that required a second wash at a roadside station.</p> | <p>Inspected</p> |
|  | <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife: Rye Patch Reservoir https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/ (702) 757-5757</p> | <p>Exit Band from Infested Waterbody</p> |

Watercraft Bands Used in Bordering States (Lower Colorado River Region)

| Band | Issuing Agency (waterbodies, contact info) | Category |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife: <u>South Fork Reservoir</u> https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/ (702) 757-5757</p> | Exit Band |
|  | <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife: <u>Lahontan Reservoir</u> https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/ (702) 757-5757</p> | Exit Band from Infested Waterbody |
|  | <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife: <u>Topaz Lake</u> https://www.ndow.org/get-outside/boating/aquatic-invasive-species-prevention-program/ (702) 757-5757</p> | Exit Band |