

## **New Boater Self-Certification Program at Lake Roosevelt**

**What it is:** A voluntary form for recreational boaters to fill out that helps them assess whether they may be potentially transporting quagga or zebra mussels to LARO from somewhere else.

**Why boaters should fill the form out:** Currently Washington, Oregon and Idaho are completely free of highly invasive and disruptive quagga/zebra mussels. These mussels are most easily moved by boaters going from infested lakes to other waterbodies. By ensuring that their boats are cleaned of all dirt, plants and mud, drained of all water including bilge, livewell and engine, and completely dried, boaters can help stop the spread of these mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

**Who should fill it out:** All recreational boaters that use Lake Roosevelt should fill out this voluntary form and help ensure they are protecting the lake by not spreading invasive species. Staff that boat on the lake are highly encouraged to use the form and help spread the message to other boaters as well.

**When should it be filled out:** Ideally this form should be filled out before launching at Lake Roosevelt and then again if the boater has taken their boat to another water body. If someone is exclusively using Lake Roosevelt for a period of time and never take their boat anywhere else then they only need to fill the form out once prior to their initial launch. If a boater launches at LARO on a Monday and then goes to Banks Lake (or any other lake) on Tuesday and comes back to LARO on Wednesday then they should fill out a form on both Monday and Wednesday after returning from launching at another lake.

**Where can the forms be found:** The mussel-free self-certification forms can be found on our website ([nps.gov/laro](https://nps.gov/laro)) and also at all of our boat launches.

**How to fill out the form:** Boaters should follow the flow chart on the second page of the form to determine if their boat is compliant with Washington State laws regarding cleaned, drained and dry or if it needs to be decontaminated prior to launching. If the boat has been cleaned, drained and dried and hasn't been used outside of WA, OR or ID in the past 30 days then the boat operator simply signs the bottom portion of the first page and puts it in the windshield of the towing vehicle next to the boat launch permit.



Mussels on a boat propeller.