

# Quagga/zebra mussels

## ruin boats and destroy waters

### DON'T LET THEM RIDE WITH YOU!

Quagga/zebra mussels in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster. They can cause a shift in native species and disrupt the ecological balance of entire bodies of water. The mussels clog water pipes, coat piers, and ruin boat motors. Transferring a boat from an infested water to another water could spread the mussels.



#### **YOU CAN STOP THEM!**

### 866-440-9530 For more information www.dfg.ca.gov/quaggamussel



#### When leaving the water:

- Inspect all exposed surfaces
  small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch.
- Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
- **Remove** all plants and animal material.
- Drain all water and dry all areas.
- Drain and dry the lower outboard unit.
- Clean and dry all live-wells.
- Empty and dry any buckets.
- **Dispose** of all bait in the trash.
- Wait 5 days and keep watercraft dry between launches into different fresh waters.

