

# Stop Aquatic Invasive Species



*Zebra mussels*



*Zebra mussels on boat prop*

Recent discoveries in Manitoba and North Dakota indicate zebra mussels are moving even closer to Saskatchewan. Zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species threaten aquatic habitats, fisheries and valuable recreational resources. They can spread through water by attaching to watercraft, related gear, equipment and aquatic plants.

Aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails and rusty crayfish pose a serious threat to our waters and fish resources.

## **Before launching a watercraft and before leaving:**

**CLEAN** and inspect watercraft and gear. Remove all plants, animals and mud. Rinse using high pressure, hot tap water 50°C (120°F).

**DRAIN** all water from watercraft including the motor, livewell, bilge and bait buckets.

**DRY** watercraft for at least five days in the hot sun, if rinsing is not available.

**DISPOSE** of unwanted leeches, crayfish and worms in the trash and dump bait bucket water on land.

**For more information or to report a sighting, call or visit the websites.**