

ZEBRA MUSSEL CONTROL INITIATIVE SURVEY

Did you know that the presence of zebra mussels can:

- Cause blockages and engine damage by growing in the intakes of engine cooling systems
- Affect public and private water abstraction stations by reducing water quality
- Cause delays in industrial production where high water volumes are required
- Increase maintenance costs in water treatment plants by thousands of Euros
- Kill native duck and swan mussels
- Cause a decrease in fish population

Information available on zebra mussels

Q 1. Have you heard about zebra mussels? **(Please circle one)**.

1. Yes
2. No

Q 2. If yes, where have you heard about them from?

Q 3. How much information have you heard or read about the zebra mussels. **(Please circle one)**

1. A Large Amount
2. A Moderate Amount
3. A Small Amount
4. None

Q 4. Have zebra mussels caused you or anyone you know problems or affected recreational experiences during the 2005 boating season? **(Please circle one)**.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Q 5. If yes how?

How to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels in Irish Waters

Q 6. Are you aware of the methods that can be used to prevent the spread of zebra mussels?

1. Yes
2. No

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Q 7. In your opinion, how important is it that boaters and anglers take precautions to prevent the spread of each of Zebra mussels. (**Please circle one**)

1. Very Important
2. Somewhat Important
3. Not Very Important
4. Not at All Important
5. Don't Know

Q 8. Do you think that Enforcement would be an effective way of preventing zebra mussel spread? (**Please circle one**)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Strongly disagree
4. Disagree
5. Don't know

Q 9. Do you think that Media awareness campaigns would be an effective way of preventing zebra mussel spread? (**Please circle one**)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Strongly disagree
4. Disagree
5. Don't know

Q 10. Do you think that Education programs would be an effective way of preventing zebra mussel spread? (**Please circle one**)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Strongly disagree
4. Disagree
5. Don't know

Personal water vessel practice

Q 11. What type of vessel did you use during the 2005 boating season? (**Please circle one**).

1. Lake angling vessel
2. Cruiser
3. Sailboat
4. Jet ski
5. RIB
6. Canoe or kayak
7. Other type of vessel (please specify)

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Q 12. Have you moved any vessel between water bodies during the 2005 boating season?

(Please circle one) If the answer is NO, please go to question 16.

1. Yes
2. No

Q 13. If yes how far and how many times?

1. Ten miles or less _____ times
2. 11 to 50 miles _____ times
3. 51 to 150 miles _____ times
4. 151 to 200 miles _____ times

Q 14. Before you transport the vessel, do you take any special steps to prevent the transport of water and/or zebra mussels from one water body to another? (Please circle one)

1. Yes
2. No

Q 15. If yes what steps have you taken?

Q 16. Would you use boat-cleaning equipment if it was readily available?

1. Yes
2. No
4. Don't know

Q 17. Do you think it is possible to halt the spread of Zebra Mussels in Ireland? (Please circle one)

1. Yes
2. No

Q 18. What recommendations or other comments would you like to make about the spread of zebra mussels in your local lakes or rivers?

Thank you for your time and co-operation in completing this questionnaire.

Optional — Name: _____

Contact number: _____