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ANS Protocol for Boaters

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) have made their way into western waterways including several in Colorado. Some ANS, including Zebra and Quagga mussels, can have devastating environmental, economic and recreational impacts. At present, the Boulder Reservoir remains free of the most destructive ANS – and we want to keep it that way.

Prevention is the only solution.

Our objective for implementing this boater protocol is to protect the Boulder Reservoir (and other regional waterways) against the spread of ANS. Once an ANS enters a waterway there are few, if any, acceptable means of removal or eradication. The only viable option for dealing with ANS is preventing their introduction. This protocol was established in conjunction with statewide efforts being coordinated by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Colorado State Parks to prevent the spread of ANS by recreational boating.

Please take the time to learn about ANS and their potential consequences by going to: www.100thMeridian.org or <http://tinyurl.com/c9g9jh> (CO State Parks). Being informed will help you understand the importance and rationale behind these efforts to keep Boulder Reservoir free from ANS.

Here is what you'll need to know to get on the water this season.

Boulder Reservoir ANS Boating Basics

1. All boats must have a green tag and valid Boulder Reservoir permit to launch;
2. All boats with green tags must go through free inspection when entering the reservoir (see inspection hours below);
3. Boats without acceptable green tags may obtain one by successfully completing an approved decontamination or quarantine procedure (described below);
4. Small watercraft including kayaks, canoes, wind surfer boards, will be required to obtain a \$10 annual permit and submit to boat inspections prior to boating on the reservoir.
5. **You must always present your receipt for any removal of tags.**

How to obtain a green tag:

Quarantine Option

Boats presented for permitting can be “red tagged” for a quarantine period specified in the table below. This period allows for proper “drain and dry” of equipment to reduce viability of ANS (and their nearly imperceptible larvae) that may be present in or on equipment. The red tag attaches through the boat and trailer. There is a \$25 fee for each red tag application.

Once a vessel has completed its quarantine period, you must present receipt and a brief inspection will take place and a “green tag” will be issued, allowing the craft to be launched onto the Boulder Reservoir.

Decontamination Option

Boats may also obtain a green tag by undergoing a decontamination procedure at a certified decontamination site (instead of participating in the “drain and dry” quarantine process).

Decontaminated boats and documentation may be presented for inspection at the Boulder Reservoir beginning Saturday, April 4. Boats meeting approved decontamination requirements will be allowed to launch onto the reservoir. A list of certified decontamination locations will be provided at www.BoulderRez.org when available.

Watercraft moored at Boulder Reservoir

Once a watercraft has received a green tag at the Boulder Reservoir (and has not been removed from the site) – that vessel may launch on the reservoir at any time boating is permitted.

Hours of boat inspection:

Boats may only enter the reservoir during scheduled times when boat inspectors in place. Every boat entering reservoir property will be subject to inspection. All large watercraft, including sail boats and motor boats must provide acceptable proof of decontamination or quarantine prior to launching on the Boulder Reservoir. Boats will only be allowed to enter reservoir property (via the main gate) during boat inspection times.

2009 inspection times:

April 4 – May 3, 2009 8–10 a.m. and 2–5 p.m.

May 4 – September 7, 2009 5:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

September 8 – November 1, 2009 8–10 a.m. and 2–5 p.m.

November 2 – February 28 1–4 p.m.

*** All times are subject to change. Please visit www.BoulderRez.org for current information.

Quarantine Period No exceptions

MONTH	Quarantine	MONTH	Quarantine
January	28 days	July	5 days
February	28 days	August	7 days
March	28 days	September	7 days
April	18 days	October	11 days
May	11 days	November	18 days
June	7 days	December	44 days

Red Tag = quarantined boat not able to launch onto water until quarantine period complete.

Green Tag = must present receipt to boat inspector then submit to brief inspection, **may** be allowed to launch onto water during established boat entry times depending upon inspection and green tag origin.

Incoming boat traffic

Boats will only be allowed to enter the reservoir during designated boat inspection hours.

City of Boulder Green tag in place – no inspection fees

Present receipt, submit to green tag inspection; if vessel passes inspection – boat will be allowed water access.

Non-city of Boulder green tag in place:

Submit to boat inspection; show **decontamination certificate** from state or state certified decontamination station – if acceptable - boat will be allowed water access.

If green tag was issued by other regional waterway – present receipt, reservoir inspectors will inspect vessel and determine appropriate action based on development of reciprocal relationships regarding green tags with other regional waterways. **Reservoir reserves to right to require quarantine or decontamination of non-city of Boulder issued green tags.**

Current acceptable green tags from non COB water:

- DOW main office in Denver
- Dillion Lake
- Tommy's Slalom Shop

We will continue to add to this list as areas go through Quality Control inspections.

No green tag in place:

Submit to red tag inspection and quarantine time (specified above, including \$25 fee); or Go to certified decontamination location, get **decontaminated** and obtain green tag and receipt.

Several state-run decontamination locations free of charge

Several Denver metro area boat dealers certified to conduct decontaminations for a fee

Boats moored at the Boulder Reservoir

Green tag receipt and Green tag in place – No inspection fees

If your boat is moored at the reservoir and does not leave – you will be able to access the water any time the facility is open for boating.

Outgoing boat traffic

- Boaters are responsible for obtaining a green tag and receipt prior to leaving the Boulder Reservoir
- Inspectors located at the front gate during hours of inspection will be able to issue green tags and receipts upon departure.
- May 4 – September 7 inspectors will also issue green tags and receipts at the boat house at 8:30 p.m. each evening.
- If you are leaving the reservoir outside established hours of inspection, you may contact Lake Patrol cell phone to request a green tag. If staff available, they will issue tag and receipt.
- If you do not obtain a green tag and receipt prior to leaving the park, you will need to do one of the following prior to launching at the Boulder Reservoir again.
 - Complete red tag quarantine process; or
 - Get a decontamination certification from a state certified location.

For most recent updates please visit the website www.boulderrez.org

