

Nebraska Invasive Species Program



Statement of Need: Invasive species such as zebra mussels are a growing threat to our water resources. With the recent findings in Angostura and Lewis and Clark Lake of South Dakota and Offutt Base Lake, Nebraska needs to take preventative actions to protect our waters and natural resources.

Aquatic invasive species impact all water users; anglers, boaters, farmers and industry.



Zebra mussels found on a pontoon at Harlan Reservoir

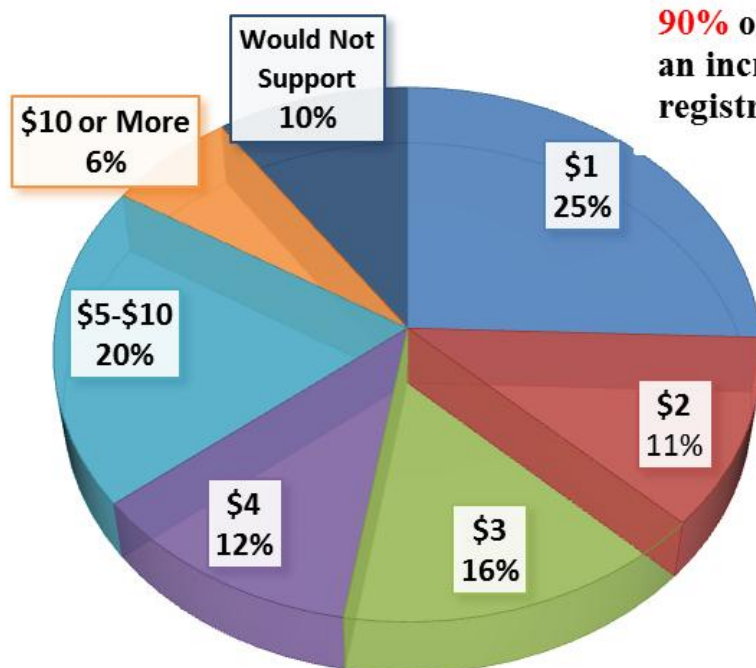


Zebra mussels on a rock at Offutt Air Force Base Lake in June 2014

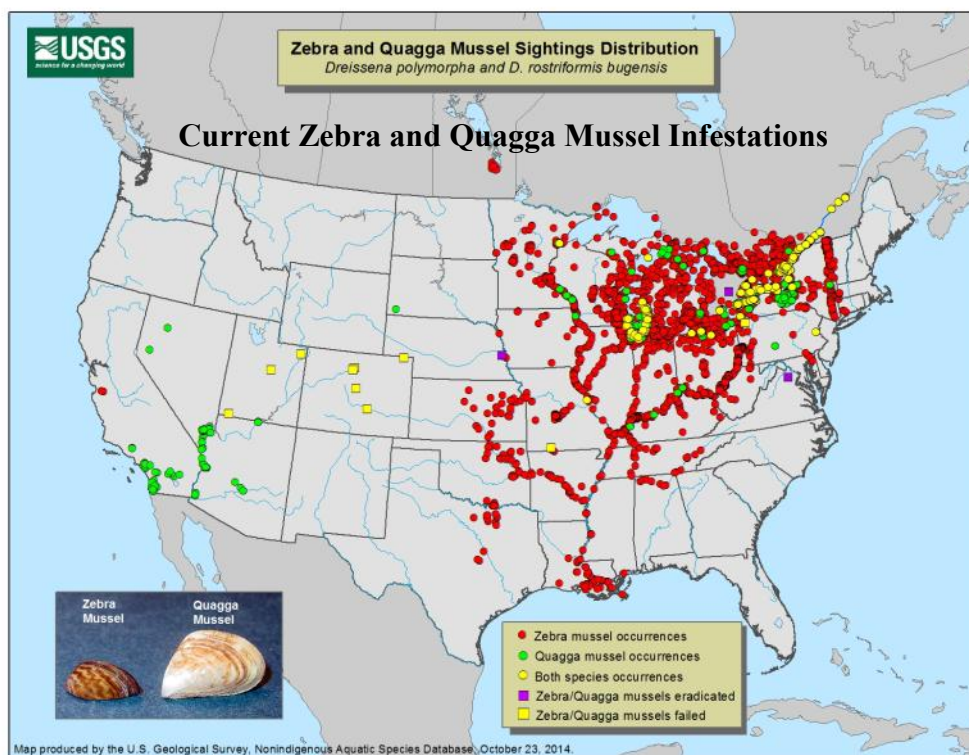
Funding is needed to implement a statewide aquatic invasive species program, including a formal boat inspection program at high risk waterbodies.

A proposed \$5 fee at collected at registration (every 3 years) for resident boats and a \$10 annual aquatic invasive species stamp for nonresident boats would allow for implementation of a statewide program.

Boat Classes	Proposed Increase	# boats each year	Potential annual revenue
Resident boat AIS fee	\$5 (every 3 years)	29026	\$170,880
Nonresident boat AIS Stamp	\$10 (annual)	3941	\$39,410
Total			\$218,172



90% of boaters support an increase in boater registration for AIS



Aquatic Invasive Species Implementation and Expenditure Expectations

Program Administrator (F&W Prog Specialist, incl. benefits)	\$80,675
Seasonal Staff - 10 positions (~20 weeks/yr, incl. benefits)	\$111,207
Equipment (decontamination units and maintenance)	\$30,000
Contractual Services (UNL research/Outreach)	\$25,000
Supplies/Materials (vehicle fuel, signs, printed ed material, AIS Stamps)	\$45,000
Travel Expenses	\$10,000
Estimated minimal annual recurring expenses	\$301,882
Additional one-time expenditures expected if aquatic invasive species control measures are necessary	