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Aquatic Invasive Species Legislation Needs Improvement

Local Watercraft Inspection Essential

April 6, 2017

Dear Greetings!:

We received the following alert from the [Flathead Lakers](#) and ask that you respond to their request to contact your local legislators to support HB 622 that addresses the serious threat posed to Flathead Lake and other local water bodies by invasive mussels.

Thanks for taking a moment to call your legislators!

~ Cheers!



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From the Flathead Lakers!...



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Invasive Mussels (Top to Bottom) 1)
Clogging a pipe; 2) Fouling a propeller;
and 3) Covering a lake shore. These
creatures reek havoc on local

Your Support Needed for Invasive Mussel Bill!

environments and impact recreational
and property values.

This may be your last chance to support a viable Flathead Pilot Program to protect Flathead Lake from invasive mussels.

The Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing on [HB 622](#) is **Friday, April 7 at 3 pm**. It is critical that the committee members and your state legislators, whether from the Flathead or elsewhere, hear from you.

Please contact the members of the [Senate Natural Resources Committee](#) NOW! Ask them to support HB 622 **AND** to restore the provision authorizing the Flathead Basin Commission to require inspection of all vessels before they are launched.

Call the Legislature Information Desk to leave a message for all members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee:
(406) 444-4800

Then leave a message or send an email to your local legislators, too. If you don't know who they are, find them [here](#).

Or attend the hearing if you can.

Restoring the authority of the Flathead Basin Commission to require inspection of watercraft before launching in the Columbia Basin portion of Montana is essential to protect Flathead Lake and other critical waters.

This bill will supplement the state's plan. The Flathead Lakers support the state's plan, but we believe we need to do more to protect our valuable waters from this threat.

Your voice makes a difference. Help protect our spectacular lake and watershed from this dire threat. With the discovery of invasive mussels in Montana in the Missouri watershed,

the need for strong action to prevent their spread is urgent.

Thank you for your support for strong Aquatic Invasive Species prevention measures for our lake and watershed!

Flathead Lakers Board of Directors

For more information:

[Flathead Lakers Press Release April 5, 2017](#)

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