



# **Nevada's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Drain Plug Regulation and Background Information (CGR 463)**

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# Nevada AIS Laws and Regulations

- **NAC 503.110**
  - Illegal to import, transport or possess live quagga/zebra mussels, New Zealand mud snail, African giant snail, bighead carp, northern pike, crayfish (certain species), etc.
- **NRS 503.597(1)**
  - “...It is unlawful...for any person at anytime to receive, bring or have brought or shipped into this State, or remove from one stream or body of water...to any other, or from one portion of the State or any other, or to any other state, any aquatic life or wildlife, or any spawn, eggs or young of any of them”.



**Zebra and Quagga Mussel Sightings Distribution**  
*Dreissena polymorpha* and *D. rostriformis bugensis*

**Mussel  
Free**



- Zebra mussel occurrences
- Quagga mussel occurrences
- Both species occurrences
- Zebra/Quagga mussels eradicated
- Zebra/Quagga mussels failed

# Prevention

## Source of Quagga Mussel Spread? Trailer-mounted Watercraft from Infested Areas



**Watercraft Distribution traveling from Lake Mead**

# Watercraft Inspection Stations

-  NDOW
-  NDOW@ NV State Parks
-  NDOW @ Lake Mead NRA

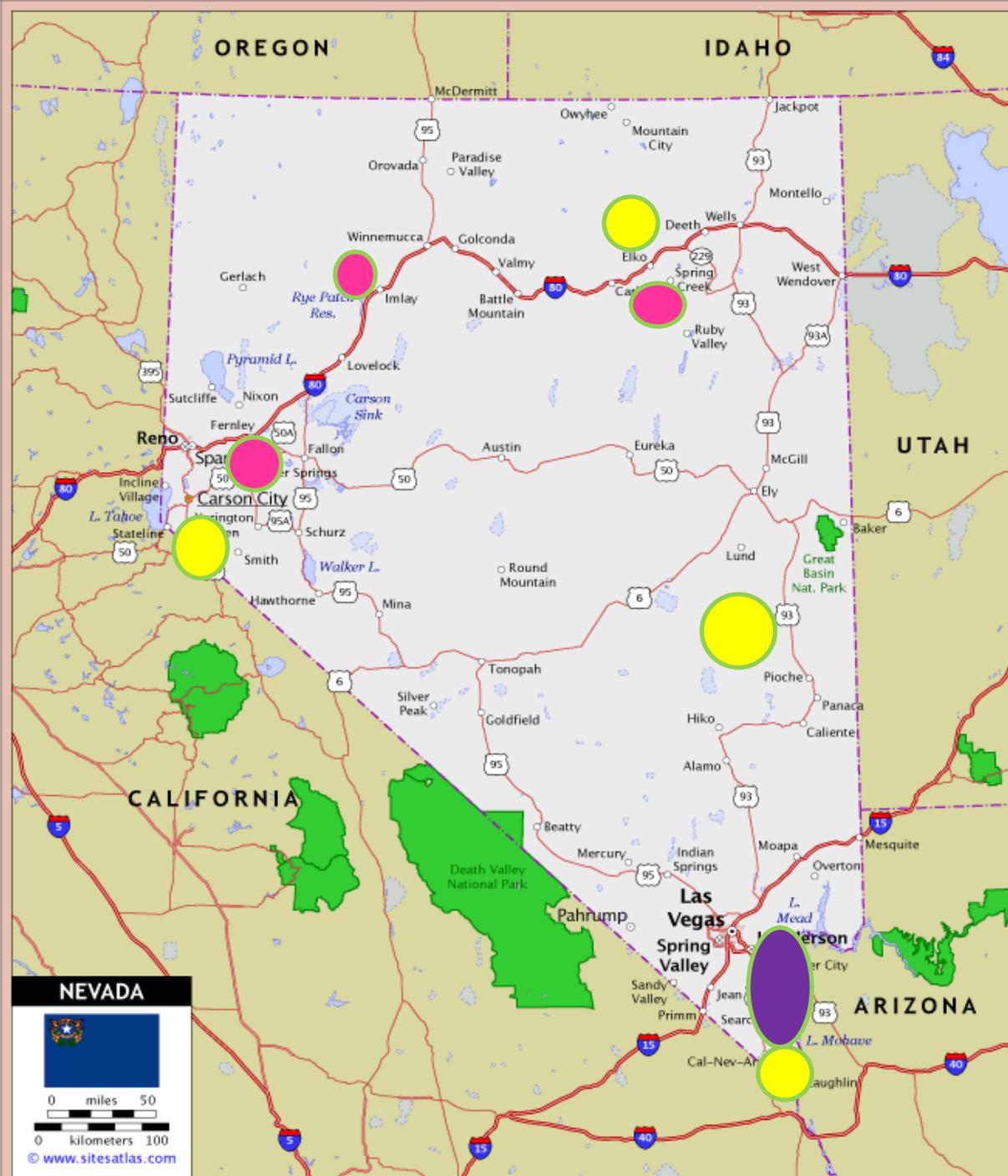
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12 NDOW Stations

3 Rovers

5 w/State Parks

4 LMNRA



# Inspection and Decontamination Stations



# Commission General Regulation 463, Duties of Person Transporting Vessel or Conveyance LCB File No. R093-16

- **Purpose:** Prevent the spread of invasive species including mussels, plant material, pathogens, and other aquatic invasive species.
- *The owner, operator or person in control of a vessel or conveyance that is launched on a body of water in this State shall:*
  - *1. At or reasonably near the site at which the vessel or conveyance is taken out of the body of water, drain all water from the vessel or conveyance and from any equipment on the vessel or conveyance, including, without limitation, any water held in a ballast tank, motor cooling system, bilge, live well, motor or lower outboard unit.*
  - *2. Ensure that all drain plugs, drain valves and other devices used to control the draining of water from the vessel or conveyance, and from any equipment on the vessel or conveyance, are removed or opened while transporting the vessel or conveyance on public roads in this State.*

# Support for Drain Plug Regulation

- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Montana Game, Fish and Parks
- Alberta Environment and Parks
- National Park Service – Lake Mead National Rec. Area
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Resolution from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

# Issues?

- **Permanent service plugs on pontoon boats**
  - **Concern from Marine Manufacturer's Association**
  - **Suggestions for amended language**

**Questions?**