



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

3/21/2025

Agenda item:

Quagga & Zebra Mussel Update Briefing

Presenter(s):

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Background summary:

Staff will brief the Commission on the status of the invasive mussel threats to the state. Quagga and zebra mussels, which are prohibited aquatic invasive species can clog pipes and mechanical systems of industrial plants, utilities, locks, and dams. If invasive mussels take hold in Washington, officials estimate it would cost more than \$100 million each year to keep Washington's power and water infrastructure running, in addition to causing catastrophic ecological damage. Staff will also alert the commission to a first-in-the-nation detection of golden mussels, a quagga and zebra mussel-like aquatic invasive species found in California in late 2024. Staff will report on actions taken in State Fiscal Year 2025 to increase state prevention and readiness, in addition to summarizing the status of a Commission approved 2025-2027 biennium operating budget request to maintain prevention and readiness efforts.

Staff recommendation:

No recommendation.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Not applicable.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

Not applicable.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Not applicable.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Not applicable.

Draft motion language:

Not applicable.

Post decision communications plan:

Not applicable.
