Help stop the spread of Zebra & Quagga Mussels!

Clean, Drain & Dry

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Aquatic Invasive Species Activity Book

Puddles
Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Dog
Special thanks to...
I AM HELPING THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LOOK FOR ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS ON WATERCRAFT. CAN YOU TRACE MY ROUTE FROM CALIFORNIA TO WASHINGTON STATE?

WASHINGTON STATE TO LIVE AND WORK IN 2019.

THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO LEAVE THE SHELTER AND GET A JOB. I MOVED TO ZEBA-BA (QWA-GAH) QUAGGA MUSSELS. AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE GREEN DOG PROJECT "RESCUED ME FOR A REASON" WORKED WITH "MUSSEL HOMELESS ANIMALS. HELLO! MY NAME IS PUDDLES. I WAS BORN IN CALIFORNIA AND SOMEHOW ENDUPED UP IN A SHELTER FOR
IT’S MY JOB TO SNIFF OUT
ZEBRA AND QUAGGA
MUSSELS ON
WATERCRAFT COMING
INTO THE STATE.

I COULD SURE USE YOUR
HELP TEACHING OTHERS
HOW TO CHECK THEIR
WATERCRAFT AND STOP
THESE BAD CRITTERS FROM
GETTING INTO OUR
WATERS.

WILL YOU HELP ME?
ANSWERS: ITS PUDDLES JOB TO SNIFF ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS ON BOATS.

CAN YOU COMPLETE THIS WORD SCRAMBLE?
WHAT DO A ZEBRA OR QUAGGA MUSSELS LOOK LIKE? UNLESS YOU ARE A SCIENTIST, IT’S REALLY HARD TO TELL THEM APART. THEY ARE KINDA LIKE TWINS. THEY ARE EQUALLY DAMAGING TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, SO WE TREAT THEM THE SAME. HERE IS A DRAWING:

This is not a Zebra Mussel, but a Zebra with Muscles!

This is the real Zebra mussel. It has stripes just like the other Zebra, except they are mostly brown and kind of white, but they can be darker too. The part of the Zebra and Quagga mussels that stands out is the Byssal threads, remember that is how they hold on to surfaces and get transported around. The byssal threads are the hairy strands you see at the bottom of the shell.
AIS WORD SEARCH Answer Key:

- DRY
- WATERCRAFT
- BOAT
- INSPECTION
- PUDDLES
- CLEAN
- DRAIN
- WI T
- AD

CAN YOU FIND THE WORDS IN THIS WORD SEARCH?
LET'S NOW LEARN ABOUT WATERCRAFT. THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF WATERCRAFT IN THE WORLD, PERHAPS YOU HAVE ONE AT HOME THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THESE:

- CANOE
- ROW BOAT
- CABIN CRUISER
CLEANED, DRAINED AND DRY!

THE WATER MAY BE CARRIED FROM THE WATER, THEY MUST BE REMOVED FROM AND MAY CARRY INVASIVE SPECIES AND ABOUT ANY OF THESE TYPES OF WATERCRAFT YOU MAY SEE. WHEN YOU ARE OUT THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE

KAYAK

SAILBOAT
I SUPPOSE YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT I DO WHEN I AM WORKING. WELL, LET ME EXPLAIN IT TO YOU! (It's like playing Hide and SEEK)

When a boater stops at one of our Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft check stations, I help other employees look for Zebra and Quagga Mussels. Well, they look, I sniff. I am better at sniffing then they are. Here is what I look like when I am working.
The mussels are!

whole wide world! This is me playing with my favorite toy after showing my co-worker where
it my co-worker confirms, what I already know---I get to play with my most favorite toy in the
may be an invasive species on the waterfront.

thought to sit down to let my human co-worker know that they need to take a closer look. There
was taught to sit down when I smell mussels. Not because I need to rest, but because I was
HERE IS A CHALLENGING CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR YOU!

CLUES (ACROSS)
3-TYPE OF MUSCLE FOUND ON WATERCRAFT
6-ANOTHER TYPE OF MUSSEL FOUND ON WATERCRAFT THAT IS ALSO AN ANIMAL FOUND IN AFRICA.
7-AN UNWANTED SMALL SHELL-LIKE CRITTER THAT ATTACHES TO WATERCRAFT.

CLUES (DOWN)
1-THE NAME OF THE DOG THAT SNIFTS FOR MUSSELS.
2-WHERE YOU PUT WATERCRAFT, LIKE BOATS AND PADDLEBOARDS TO ENJOY.
4-WHAT YOU RIDE IN WHEN YOU ARE ON THE WATER.
5-NICKNAME FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIE.
CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY

If you find something on your boat, pull it off clean thoroughly and dry.

REMEMBER

Inspect Everything!

Before Leaving...
Before Launching...

Motor

Axle

Hull

Rollers

Anchor

Live Wells

Bilge

Dock Lines
THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME!

PUDDLES