

AIS FACT SHEET



Regulations for Watercraft on the Flathead Indian Reservation

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have begun extensive public education and rulemaking to prevent the spread of invasive Quagga and Zebra mussels into the Flathead Basin. Invasive Mussels were detected in Montana in 2016.

- Only electric trolling motors are allowed on reservoirs on the Reservation (except on Flathead Lake).
- All watercraft includes canoes, kayaks, rafts, paddleboards, personal flotation devices and any equipment that is put into the water.
- Documentation of the inspection will be provided to the watercraft owner to verify that an inspection has occurred.
- Boaters are required to stop at all watercraft inspection stations.
- Locals and visitors frequenting reservation waters are encouraged to Clean, Drain, Dry all equipment including anchors, ropes, waders and even pets that enter waters of the Reservation.