

# Summer eradication of invasive clams in Lake Tahoe

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A coalition of agencies will begin July 5 to eradicate populations of Asian clams invading Lake Tahoe's bottom, mainly in the southeast corner but also in other areas, including Emerald Bay.

After tests last year that used plastic bottom barriers to kill clams by robbing them of food and oxygen, a larger effort will start in the summer.



Clam shells are being made into earrings. Photo/Kathryn Reed

"We're moving forward with the bottom barrier approach. It's effective enough," said Jeff Cowen, community liaison for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. "We're going to lay down enough to cover a whole acre."

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