

Mudsnail latest nonnative species to invade waterways

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Move over quagga and zebra mussels, a new invasive mollusk is making waves in Nevada.

Sport fishermen and state wildlife officials are worried about New Zealand mudsnails after a colony of the tiny critters was found at a boat inspection area at Lake Tahoe last week.

Although they haven't gotten the attention that quagga and zebra mussels have, mudsnails are in Lake Mead and Lake Mohave. They're in Echo Bay and Boulder Basin and at Willow Beach.

The reason there hasn't been much noise about them is they aren't capable of the kind of damage that quaggas are. Unlike the quaggas, mudsnails don't attach themselves to infrastructure such as hydropower generators and water pipelines.

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