Pyramid Lake trying to get handle on invasive species

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Potential danger to Pyramid Lake from invading mollusks has the attention of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, which is taking steps to avoid a problem that could come with dire environmental and economic damage.

The Tribal Council recently approved regulatory changes which, among other things, will begin a boater education program and the voluntary inspection of some boats launching into the desert lake.

The effort is designed to avoid the possible infestation of quagga mussels, which tribal officials acknowledge would be a disaster.

"These mussels could absolutely destroy all the hard work that's been done," said Scott Carey, tribal planner.

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