

Opinion: Boat inspections the right thing for Nevada

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By this time next year, an ambitious program to inspect boats statewide to protect Nevada's lakes and streams, rivers and reservoir from aquatic invaders is expected to be underway.

Some boaters undoubtedly will find the inspections an added hassle that they'd rather avoid. Some surely will complain about the cost, which will be determined in the coming months by the Nevada Wildlife Commission, as the agency works out the details of the plan approved by the Legislature and signed into law this week by Gov. Brian Sandoval.

But make no mistake: If Nevada doesn't take action to stop the advance of such invasive species as the quagga mussel, the potential damage the invaders from Eastern Europe will cause much greater hassles, and much greater costs.

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