Tahoe boat inspection locations scaling back

Starting Oct. 1, Lake Tahoe boat inspections will move to select launch ramps and winter hours will begin.

Tahoe Resource Conservation District inspectors will be stationed at Cave Rock and Lake Forest boat launches from 6am-4pm seven days a week, weather permitting. All boats without an intact Tahoe inspection seal are required to get an inspection during daylight hours. Decontaminations are available by appointment only. Decontamination fees will apply.

Boats with intact inspection seals are permitted to launch at all open launch facilities; however, inspections are only available at Cave Rock and Lake Forest.

During the 2015 boating season, Tahoe RCD watercraft inspectors performed more than 5,500 inspections. More than 14,000 vessels launched at Lake Tahoe, including newly inspected vessels and those with intact Tahoe-issued inspection seals.

This year 35 of the inspected watercraft were harboring aquatic invasive plants, mussels or snails. TRCD decontaminated approximately 3,200 watercraft with hot water, preventing invasive species from entering Tahoe's waters.