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AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CLOSURE ORDER

Deer Creek Reservoir

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On December 12, 2014, the US Bureau of Reclamation discovered, what is believed to be, quagga mussel veligers in Deer Creek Reservoir, Wasatch County, Utah. The Division of Wildlife Resources suspects that Dreissena mussels may inhabit the reservoir based on the morphological and DNA characteristics of the mussel veligers. Accordingly, the Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in concurrence with the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources issues the following order:

It is hereby ordered under authority of Utah Code § 23-27-303 and Utah Administrative Rule R657-60-8 that all conveyances and equipment that have been in or on the water at Deer Creek Reservoir, including those in the past 30 days, are subject to the provisions in Utah Code § 23-27-201. This means any boat, vessel, personal watercraft, motor vehicle, trailer, or other article capable of carrying or containing a Dreissena mussel that has been in or on the reservoir in the past 30 days must comply with the decontamination requirements in Utah Admin. Code R657-60-5 before transporting the conveyance or equipment or entering any other water body in Utah. Nevertheless, decontamination is not required when a conveyance or equipment is removed from Deer Creek Reservoir and subsequently reenters the reservoir at the same location, provided the conveyance or equipment is inspected, drained, and cleaned as required in Utah Admin. Code R657-60-5 and is not placed in or on any other Utah water body in the interim without first being decontaminated.

Restrictions on transporting or launching conveyances or equipment that have been in Deer Creek Reservoir may also be imposed in other jurisdictions. It is advised to contact proper authorities for further information before transporting a conveyance or equipment in another jurisdiction.

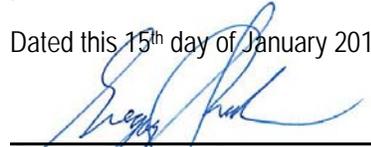
Decontamination can be completed in one of two ways:

Professional decontamination by using a professional decontamination service approved by the division to apply scalding water (140 degrees Fahrenheit) to completely wash the equipment or conveyance and flush any areas where water is held, including ballast tanks, bilges, live wells, and motors; or

Clean, Drain, Dry Method by: 1) removing all plants, fish, mussels and mud from the conveyance or equipment; 2) draining all water from the equipment or conveyance, including water held in ballast tanks, bilges, live wells, and motors; and 3) drying the equipment or conveyance for no less than 7 days in June, July and August; 18 days in September, October, November, March, April and May; 30 days in December, January and February; or expose the equipment or conveyance to sub-freezing temperatures for 72 consecutive hours.

This order is necessary to prevent and control the spread of aquatic invasive species within the State of Utah, and it will remain in effect until the Division determines that Dreissena mussels do not inhabit the reservoir or the reservoir is designated an infested water under Utah Administrative Code R657-60-7. Updated information on the status of this order and suspected presence of Dreissena mussels in Deer Creek Reservoir is available online at www.wildlife.utah.gov/mussels.

Dated this 15th day of January 2015.


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