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You can be our lead vocalist, Joan.

Thanks,

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On Jun 26, 2017, at 4:29 PM, Moody, Joan <joan_moody@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Wish I thought of the adjective "marauding" for mussels. Sounds like a band name--"marauding mussels"

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Report outlines ways to block marauding mussels

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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today announced a collaboration to protect hydroelectric plants,

irrigation systems and ecosystems from invasive quagga and zebra mussels. Department of the Interior

Inspecting and decontaminating boats is one key way to combat the spread of invasive mussels that clog hydroelectric dams, according to recommendations by 70 federal, state and tribal government officials released today.

The [list](#), which includes 41 recommendations, also suggests enhancing sampling efforts and detection techniques and convening workshops to better share best management practices.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said the report would help better integrate government efforts to stop the spread of invasive mussels.

"Protecting our waterways and ecosystems is not a partisan issue and I'm glad to work with governors as the states, tribes and federal government combat the spread of invasive species," he said in a statement. "By working as an integrated team to prevent, contain and control invasive mussels, Americans will be able to experience the full benefits of hydropower and enjoy their rivers, lakes and streams for recreation for years to come."

Invasive quagga and zebra mussels have dramatically changed ecosystems across the United States, including causing half a billion dollars of damage annually to the Great Lakes region.

The mussels have also damaged hydroelectric dams in the Columbia and Colorado river basins. Studies in some areas show hydroelectric dams may need to spend \$500,000 annually in extra maintenance to control damage caused by the mussels.

The Interior Department spends roughly \$8 million a year combating the mussels, with the Bureau of Indian Affairs recently granting \$683,000 to tribes in the Pacific Northwest to help prevent the mussels' spread.

The Trump administration is requesting a \$4.5 million funding increase for the Bureau of Reclamation in fiscal 2018 to help combat the mussels.

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