

MID-SNAKE RIVER ACCESS

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture

The presence of quagga mussel larvae was confirmed in the Snake River near Twin Falls in September 2023. Quagga mussels have the potential to destroy our waters and cost Idaho hundreds of millions of dollars in actual and indirect costs. The following closures and mandatory inspection and decontamination is an effort by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to minimize the potential movement of quagga mussels.

//// **CLOSED AREA**

Water access from Pillar Falls to Twin Falls Dam remains closed until further notice (*IDAPA 02.06.09.135*). This includes water access at:

- Shoshone Falls boat ramp
- Any other access points from Pillar Falls to Twin Falls Dam

//// **MANDATORY INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION**

Any watercraft or conveyance entering the river between Broken Bridge (Yingst Grade) and Pillar Falls is required to be inspected prior to launch and decontaminated upon exiting the river. Water access between Broken Bridge (Yingst Grade) and Pillar Falls is accessible only during Centennial Park operating hours. Inspection and decontamination station details:

- Location - Centennial Waterfront Park
- Hours of Operation - 6a.m. to 10p.m., weather dependent.
- Inspections and decontaminations are free.
- Water access between Broken Bridge (Yingst Grade) and Pillar Falls is prohibited outside of Centennial Park operating hours.

Mandatory inspection and decontamination applies to all watercraft launched anywhere between Broken Bridge and Pillar Falls including:

- Centennial Waterfront Park
- Auger Falls Park
- Yingst Grade shoreline access
- Any other access points from Broken Bridge to Pillar Falls

WATERCRAFT AND CONVEYANCES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Motorized boats
- Unmotorized boats
- Kayaks
- Paddleboards
- Inflatable rafts
- Duck decoys
- Waders
- Fishing tackle
- Life jackets
- Any device used in the water

For a free decontamination wash, call **1-877-336-8676**

For more information, visit idaho.gov/quagga or call **(208) 332-8560**