

## **Uniform Minimum Protocols and Standards for Watercraft Intervention Programs in the Western United States**

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The Western Regional Panel recently established a steering committee to evaluate the need for greater effectiveness, consistency and predictability for watercraft intervention programs initiated since 2007 in the western US to prevent the spread of Dreissenid mussels on trailered watercraft and equipment. The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, under the direction of the Committee completed the following tasks; 1) identified all groups currently employing some form of watercraft intervention in 20 western states; 2) completed an on-line survey of all agencies and organizations identified to define their current programs; and 3) developed recommendations for uniform minimum standards for all watercraft intervention programs in the western US. Today's presentation will briefly highlight those protocols and standards as an informational item only.