

# Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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## Montana News

- **INVASIVE SPECIES TAKE toll on native fish**  
(11/18/15): [http://www.flatheadnewsgroup.com/bigforkeagle/invasive-species-take-toll-on-native-fish/article\\_80270e8a-88b4-11e5-a129-27354b1278f4.html](http://www.flatheadnewsgroup.com/bigforkeagle/invasive-species-take-toll-on-native-fish/article_80270e8a-88b4-11e5-a129-27354b1278f4.html)

.....Bucket biologists — the term for people who dump species illegally — fly under the radar of the law. “We have no sense of who does it,” Mark Deleray, fisheries manager for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Kalispell, said. “We have made some cases but it’s very difficult to catch someone in the act of doing it.”.....

- **DON'T LET IT LOOSE, MONTANA!**: <http://www.dontletitloose.com/>

Check out this national campaign to encourage pet owners to turn in unwanted aquarium fish and plants instead of dumping them in streams or the ocean.

## Regional and National News

- **OREGON, WASHINGTON URGED TO SPRAY FOR GYPSY MOTHS**: <http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20151117/oregon-washington-urged-to-spray-for-gypsy-moths>

Oregon and Washington are reviewing a recommendation to spray more than 17,000 acres to combat Asian gypsy moths.

- **ALBERTA: CHLORINE, potash tested as possible mussel control methods**  
(12/3/15): <http://www.producer.com/2015/12/chlorine-potash-tested-as-possible-mussel-control-methods/>

Alberta wants to be ready for a fight if zebra and quagga mussels invade the province's water bodies. The small, invasive species multiply rapidly and cling to boats, water infrastructure and almost anything else. They clog pipes and machinery and consume water-borne nutrients essential to fish, plants and other aquatic species. The mussels' size and habitat make them difficult to kill.

- **WYOMING: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES program monitors local waters**  
(11/19/15): <http://thesheridanpress.com/?p=45120>

Senator Barrasso (WY) introduced S.2240 on 11/4/15. It is the companion to HR1485 which was introduced previously by Representative Amodei (NV).

- **PACKRAFTING ASSOCIATION lobbies for access to Yellowstone, Grant Teton National Parks.** <http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2015/11/packrafting-association-lobbies-access-yellowstone-grand-teton-national-parks>

In a rebuttal to National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis' contention that packrafting shouldn't be allowed to more waters than presently allowed in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, the American Packrafting Association is challenging his arguments in a letter of its own to U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop. The letter, sent Tuesday, points out that the association shares many of the concerns for wildlife and scenic vistas that the director cited in his own letter to Rep. Bishop, who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee that earlier this fall approved legislation that would open up many streams and rivers in the two parks to packrafting. But association President Brad Meiklejohn also noted that many of the director's concerns regarding invasive species and packrafting ring hollow.....

- **OREGON: PERFECT INVADERS: How crayfish are threatening Crater Lake's Smallest Creatures (12/4/15):** <http://www.opb.org/news/article/how-crayfish-are-threatening-crater-lake-smallest-creatures-newts/>

.....The story of the crayfish in Crater Lake begins more than 100 years ago. Back when getting to the future national park from Medford took five days by horse and wagon. To attract visitors, early conservationists began stocking the lake with game fish like trout and salmon....

## Other

- **DR. SUSAN PASKO hired as the Executive Secretary of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is pleased to announce the hiring of Dr. Susan Pasko as the Executive Secretary of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. As the Executive Secretary, Dr. Pasko will serve in a technical staff position and provide support and policy analysis to the co-chairs of Task Force to implement provisions of the Act.
- **PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT eat these animals** for invasive species control (11/23/15): <http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/18/world/conservation-hunters/index.html>

(CNN)When the marine invasion started, the U.S. was taken by surprise -- and overrun. Today, the lionfish enjoys virtually unrivaled supremacy in its ever-expanding territory from the East Coast to the Caribbean. The distinctively striped interloper from the Pacific has few predators willing to face its venomous spines, and a devastating appetite.....

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