

# Columbia Basin Aquatic Invasive Species Team

## What's the Program?

The Columbia Basin Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program is the result of a collaborative effort between many different partners and is based on these five action areas:



## Why are we doing this?

Aquatic Invasive Species are non-indigenous species that **impact, or have the potential to impact, the ecology, economy, and social opportunities of the Columbia Basin.**



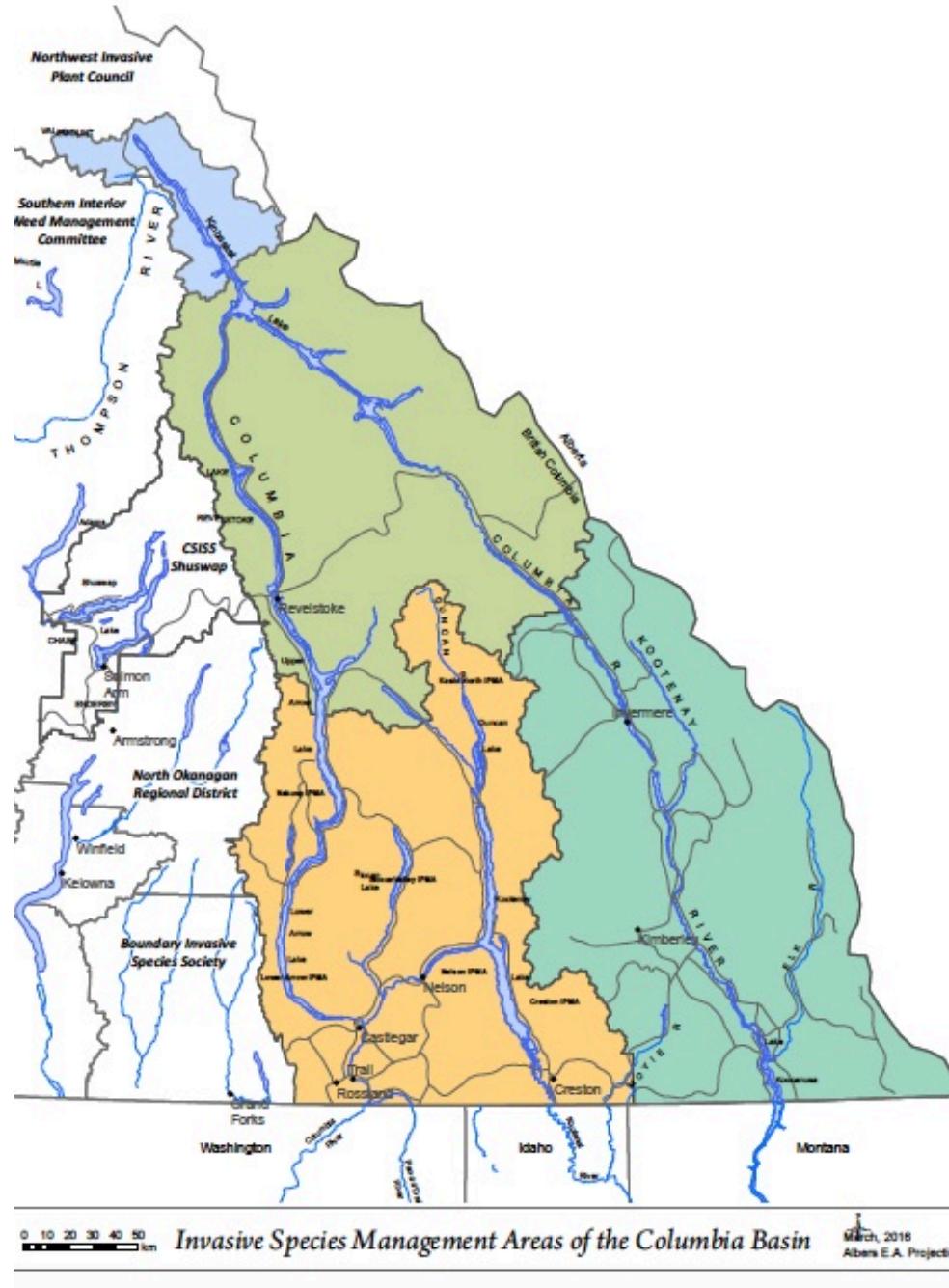
Zebra Mussels

# Who's on the Team?

Multiple agencies, including government, non- government, First Nations and industry have joined forces within the Canadian Columbia Basin, in order to prevent and manage aquatic invasive species (AIS).

The Columbia Basin AIS team is comprised of:

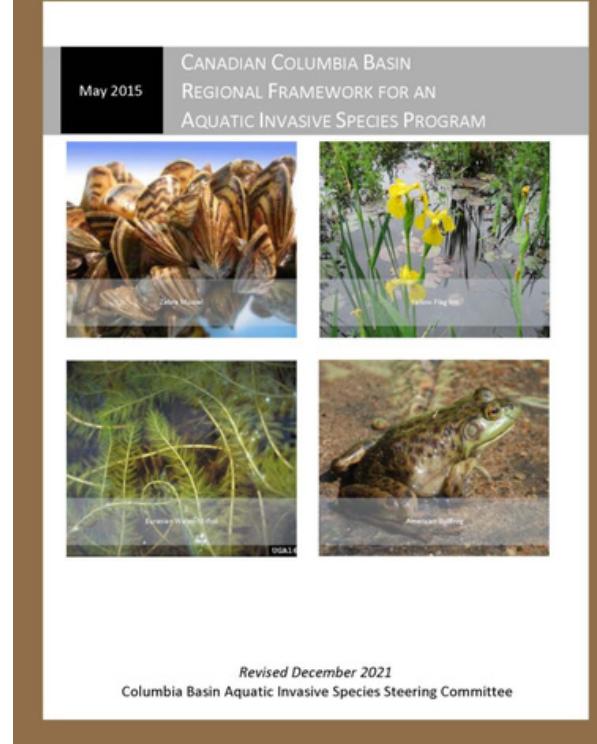
- [Ktunaxa Nation Council](#)
- [Invasive Species Council of British Columbia](#)
- [Ministry of Forests](#)
- [Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship](#)
- [BC Hydro](#)
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- [Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society](#)
- [East Kootenay Invasive Species Council](#)
- [Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society](#)
- [Northwest Invasive Plant Council](#)
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- [Columbia Power](#)
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- [Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks](#)
- [Washington Invasive Species Council](#)
- [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#)
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## What do we do?

The primary focus of this program is to prevent the introduction and establishment of AIS as well as to enhance coordination, response, and management.

The complete program framework titled **Canadian Columbia Basin Regional Framework for an Aquatic Invasive Species Program** can be accessed [here](#).



## Watercraft Inspection Stations



In 2015 several permanent watercraft inspection stations were strategically placed along the B.C. – Alberta border and along the B.C.- United States border. Auxiliary conservation officers check and if necessary decontaminate mussel infested boats, 7 days a week from April to October.

**It is mandatory for all watercraft to stop at road side inspection stations.** Watercraft includes sailboats, motorboats, car toppers, kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards being transported in BC. To find out more about these stations click [here](#).

# Where are the Aquatic Invasive Species?

**BC**

[Columbia Basin Aquatic Invasive Species Priority List](#)

**Alberta**

[All species: Alberta Invasive Species Council](#)

**USA**

[All species: Early Detection & Distribution Mapping Systems](#)

[All species: U.S Geological Survey](#)

[Invasive Mussel Monitoring: Aquatic Invasive Species Network](#)

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