



**Keep Fish Healthy.  
There's a lot on the line.**



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2. Empty all water from boats, buckets, bilges, and other equipment before transporting them to another body of water.
3. Remove all mud, plants, and aquatic life from equipment before transporting it.
4. Do not move fish or plants from one body of water to another.
5. Buy your bait from bait dealers and dispose of any unused bait in a secure trash area away from the water.



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**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**

What your boat transports up here  
could sink schools of fish down there.



Don't let your boat spread  
fish disease. Be responsible.  
Clean it out. Wash it down.

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