



STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Permit No. **SF2026-185**

Expires: **12/31/2026**

AQUATIC RESOURCE PERMIT
(For Scientific/Monitoring/Educational Purposes)

This permit authorizes:

The General Public

Of

Anywhere

to conduct the following activities from **July 13, 2026** to **December 31, 2026** in accordance with AS 16.05.930, AS 16.05.340(b), and 5 AAC 41.

Purpose:

Due to the following regulations, the public cannot possess any part of a freshwater *Dreissenid* mussel, at any life stage.

5 AAC 41.070. Prohibitions on importation and release of live fish (f) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person may not possess, import, propagate, transport, release, purchase, or sell within the state a banned invasive species classified under 5 AAC 41.075.

5 AAC 41.075. Classification of banned invasive species includes *Dreissenid* mussels (*Dreissenidae* Family), Quagga mussels (*Dreissenia bugensis*), and Zebra mussels (*Dreissenia polymorpha*) as banned invasive species which includes any part of the organism (including reproductive or genetic material), at any life stage.

This permit allows organizations, personnel, and individuals involved with the education, detection, and monitoring of invasive mussels to possess and temporarily transport dead/preserved mussel specimens for educational outreach, training, and laboratory identification purposes.

Species:

Quagga mussel (*Dreissenia bugensis*), Zebra mussel (*Dreissenia polymorpha*)

Final Disposition:

Dead/preserved invasive mussel specimens (veligers and adults) must be clearly labeled. Specimens may be maintained at invasive mussel detection labs and educational/training facilities, statewide, to be used for education, training, and laboratory identification purposes.

Degraded adult specimens must be fully dried, crushed to fine fragments, and disposed of properly as biological waste in a sanitary landfill.

Degraded veliger specimens may be disposed of either by pouring the sample down a sink drain or by disposing of the entire container as biological waste in a sanitary landfill.

Reporting:

By **December 31, 2026**, organizations, personnel, and individuals utilizing this blanket permit should submit an inventory of dead/preserved invasive mussel specimens in their possession to the Division of Sport Fish Permit Coordinator at dfg.dsf.permitcoordinator@alaska.gov. This summary should include the type(s) and number(s) of specimens, as well as account for any specimens that have been disposed of throughout the calendar year.

GENERAL CONDITIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

1. This permit must be carried by person(s) specified during approved activities who shall show it upon request to persons authorized to enforce Alaska's fish and game laws.
2. Specimens possessed under the authority of this permit are ONLY to be used for the purposes outlined in this permit and MAY NOT be sold, bartered, traded, or consumed.
3. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED HEREIN, this permit does not authorize the exportation of specimens or the taking of specimens outside of existing regulations.

Kercia Schroeder
Permit Coordinator
Division of Sport Fish

Jason Dye for
Director
Division of Sport Fish

7/13/2026
Date