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# ZAPPING MINNESOTA'S ZEBRA MUSSELS

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**"It seems like a new lake [in Minnesota] gets them [Zebra Mussels] every week."**

--Daniel Kelly, Minnesota Environmental Journalist

## Zebra Mussels: A Big Problem



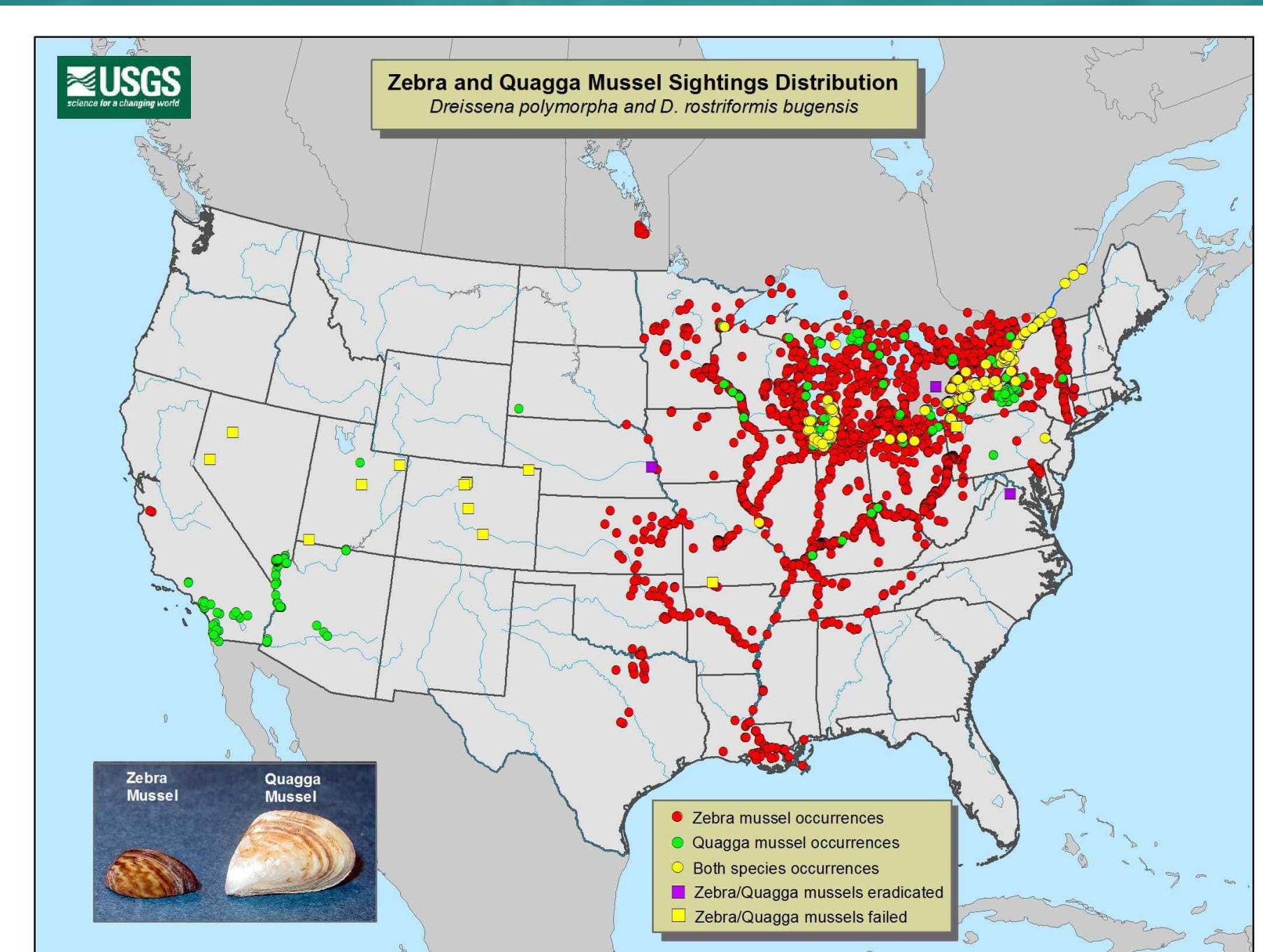
Structural Problems

Ecosystem Problems

Economic Problems



## Where Zebra Mussels Are

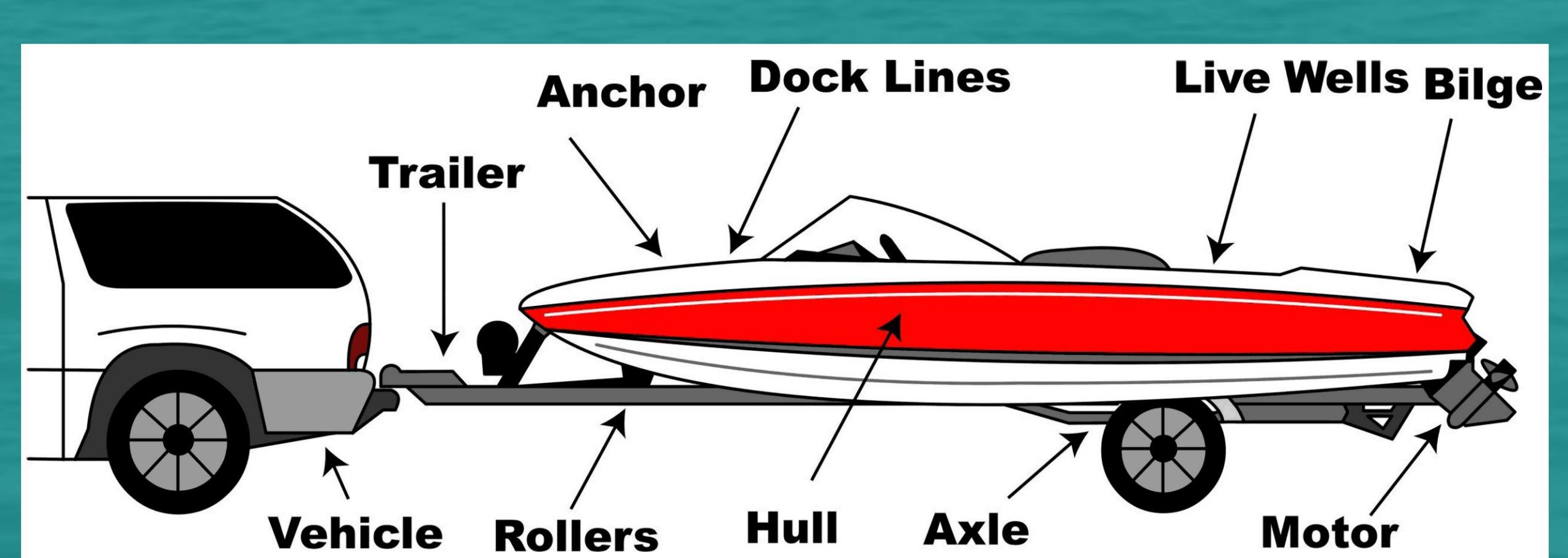


## STOP Zebra Mussel Spread

### What Is Being Done Already

Minnesota Law Currently Requires Boat Owners To:

- Clean all equipment
  - Drain all water from vessel
  - Dispose of unwanted bait
  - Drying all equipment
- But Only Suggests:



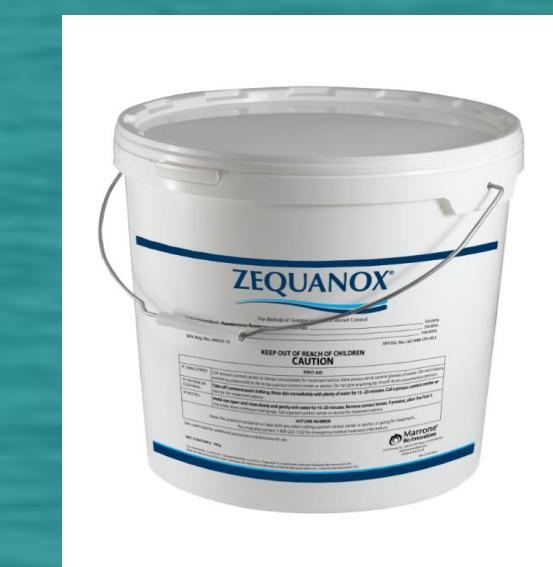
### Our Management Plan

- More Watercraft Decontamination Units
- Certify Inspection Volunteers (Level 1)
- Specialized K9 Units and Inspectors (Level 2)
- Lake Association Specific Regulations

## Direct Zebra Mussel Eradication

### Chemical/Biological Solutions

	<b>Zequanox</b>	<b>Copper Based</b>	<b>Potash</b>
Cost	Very Costly	Medium Cost	Lowest Cost
Environmental Impact	Low Impact	Safe in small doses	Causes increase plant growth
Success Rate	Extremely High >95%	90%	90%



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