

Current Status of Dreissenids in Texas

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Currently, all species of the genus *Dreissena* are listed as “Harmful or Potentially Harmful shellfish.

It is an offense for any person to:

release into the water of this state, import, sell, purchase, transport, propagate, or possess any species, hybrid of a species, subspecies, eggs, seeds, or any part of any species defined as a harmful or potentially harmful exotic fish, shellfish, or aquatic plant

Zebra Mussels in Texas



- Reservoirs sampled (198)
- Zebra mussels adults or veligers found (6)
- Zebra mussel DNA detected (10)



HB 1241

- **Gave TPWD Commission authority:**
 - **Require persons leaving or approaching public water to drain from vessels all water resulting from immersion in public water**
 - **Allows inspection authority for these actions**
 - **Does not apply to salt water**

TPWD Regulations

- **Require water be drained from vessels leaving and approaching public water**
- **Apply to areas where boats can be launched**
- **Includes live wells, bilges, and any other receptacles that come in contact with public water**

Exceptions

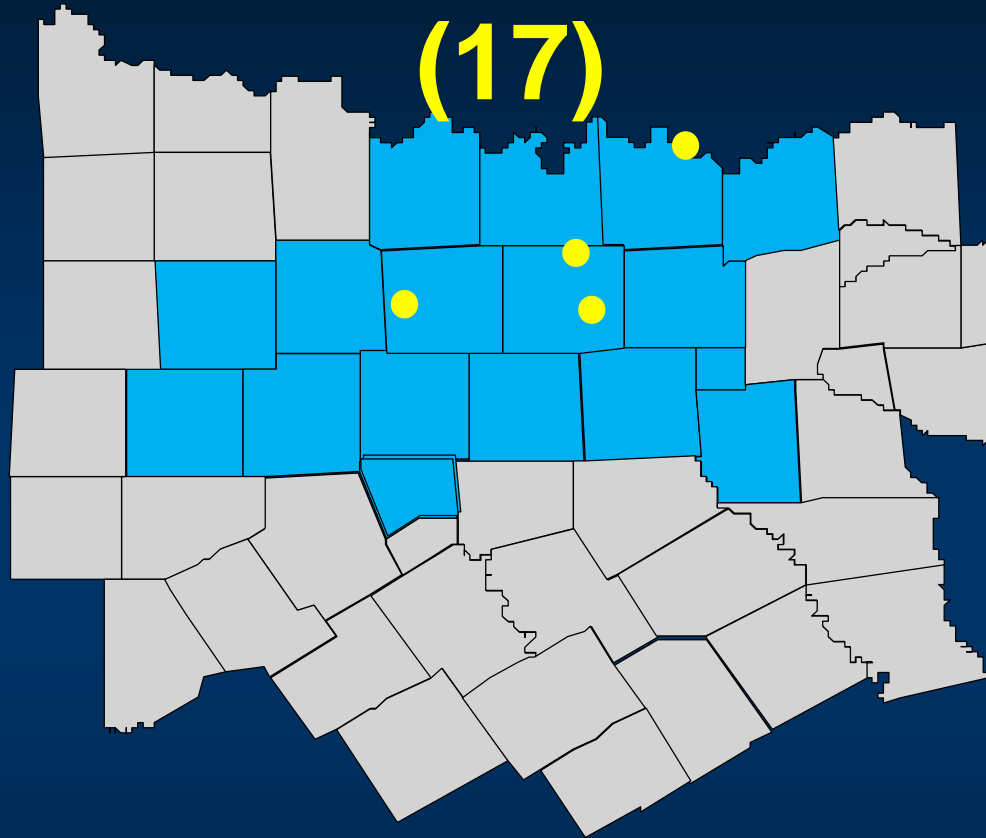
- **Travel between access sites on the same water body during the same day**
- **Governmental activities and emergencies**
- **Marine sanitary systems**
- **Commercially purchased live bait**

Impacts to Anglers and Boaters

- **Draining must occur before travel to or from access areas**
- **Live fish cannot be transported in water from water body where caught**
- **Live bait personally caught can only be used where caught**
- **No off-site tournament weigh-ins if transporting live fish**

Restricted Counties

(17)



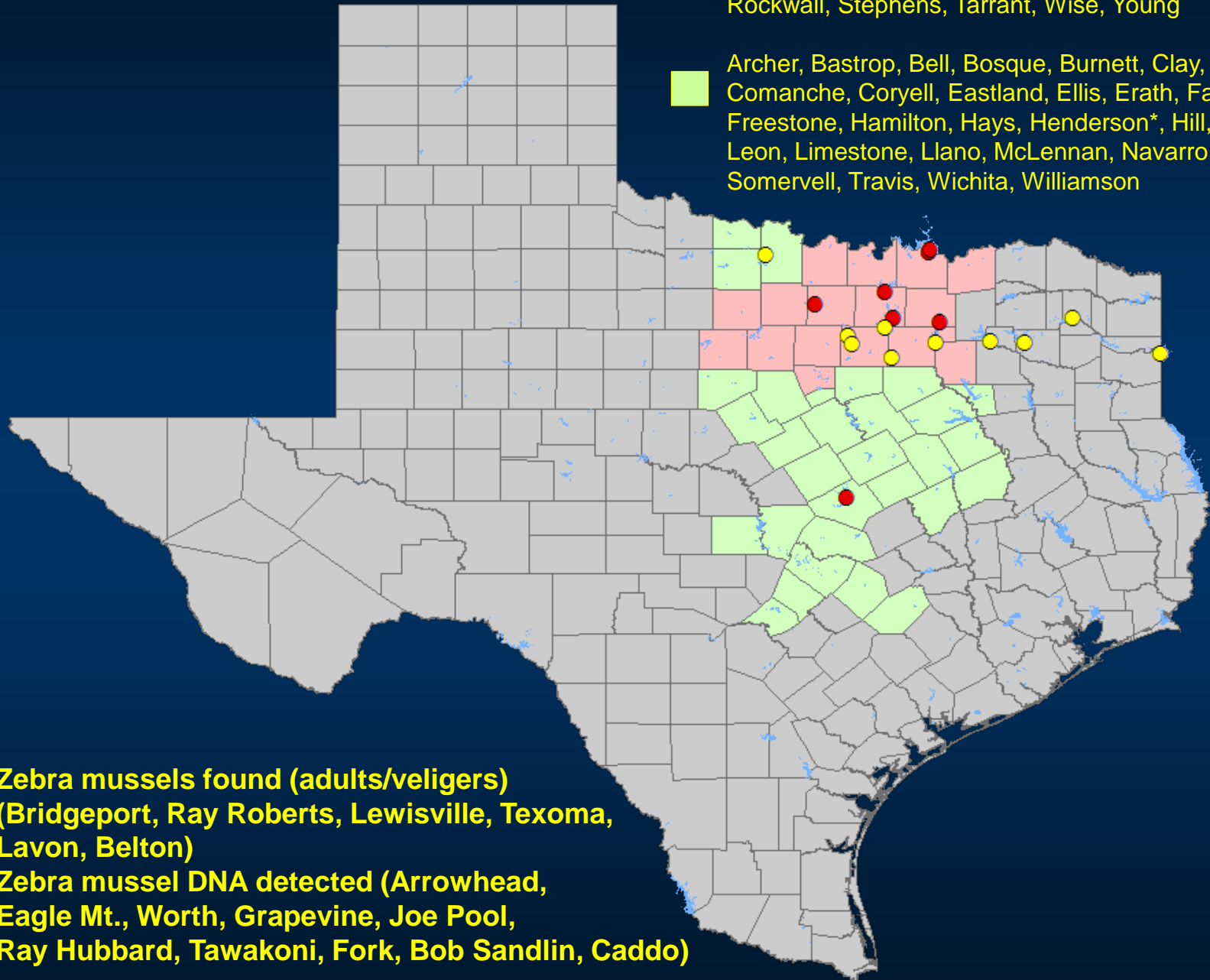
Confirmed
● Zebra Mussel
Populations

Montague, Cooke, Grayson, Fannin
Young, Jack, Wise, Denton, Collin
Stephens, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Rockwall
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Archer, Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Burnett, Clay, Comal,
Comanche, Coryell, Eastland, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fayette,
Freestone, Hamilton, Hays, Henderson*, Hill, Johnson,
Leon, Limestone, Llano, McLennan, Navarro, Robertson,
Somervell, Travis, Wichita, Williamson

- Zebra mussels found (adults/veligers)
(Bridgeport, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Texoma,
Lavon, Belton)
- Zebra mussel DNA detected (Arrowhead,
Eagle Mt., Worth, Grapevine, Joe Pool,
Ray Hubbard, Tawakoni, Fork, Bob Sandlin, Caddo)





Thank
You!