

Arvada/Blunn Reservoir

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New Zebra Mussel/Boat Inspection Regulations for the 2012 Season

Beginning in 2012, the City of Arvada's boat inspection protocol at the Arvada/Blunn Reservoir will conform to State regulations. These regulations require a State standard for all boat inspections called a **Single System - Single Message**. Thanks to the support of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Arvada is proud to be one of the 113 State inspection sites located throughout Colorado.

Two major changes in procedures will occur for the 2012 season. The first change is that the general 14-day boat quarantine period has been lifted for most boaters. If your boat has a green seal even from a different reservoir, the City of Arvada will honor it and no quarantine will be required. The exception is boats that have **no attached seals or boats that have come from Zebra Mussel contaminated waters within the last 30 days**; both of these will still require the 14-day quarantine. The confirmed known waters are Granby Reservoir, Willow Creek Reservoir, Grand Lake, Shadow Mountain Reservoir, Pueblo Reservoir, Jumbo Reservoir, Tarryall Reservoir and Blue Mesa Reservoir. All other lakes and reservoirs with green seals will now be accepted without a quarantine period as long as the boat is clean, drained and dry.

The second change is the *clean, drain and dry exit inspection*. This is a quick procedure for checking the boats as they leave the water. The inspection ensures that contact has been made with the boater before he/she leaves the reservoir and verifies that the boat is clean and drained prior to leaving, and that the live wells, anchor, and other compartments are dry. Boaters will be required to clean and drain their own boats and must bring their own rags and/or sponges to do the job. After this inspection is complete, Rangers will attach a new green seal on the boat and give a matching *clean, drain and dry exit receipt* to the boat owner.

Free pre-season boat inspections will be held on March 10th and March 17th, 2012 from 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM at the Arvada/Blunn Reservoir Ranger Station. **These boat inspections are only for boats that have no attached green seals on their boats and wish to avoid a quarantine period per our new inspection regulations above.** All other boats that still have attached green seals on their boats either from Arvada/Blunn Reservoir or from another lake do not need this inspection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give Tom Griffiths at the Arvada Parks Department at 720-898-7416.