



Section 1: Background

Invasive species are organisms (plants, animals, or microbes) that are not native to an environment, and once introduced, establish, quickly reproduce and spread, and cause harm to the environment, economy, or human health. Aquatic invasive species pose a threat to lakes and other waterbodies throughout California and can disrupt food chain, impact fish populations, foul docks and ramps, encrust vessels and clog engines, litter shorelines, clog water distribution systems, and could lead to access closures.

Anglers can prevent spreading invasive species by following procedures to Clean, Drain, and Dry their vessels and equipment before launching. Clean, Drain, and Dry procedures are available at

www.wildlife.ca.gov/invasives/CDD.

Section 2: Instructions

Use this self-inspection certification when launching on waterbodies that do not have an inspection program, or if the station is closed. **Complete this form prior to launching in the contest water and keep it on the vessel throughout the duration of the contest.**

Section 3: Self-Certification Questions

1. Is the fishing contest being held on the same body of water as the last water body where your vessel, trailer, and equipment were last used? (If yes, skip questions 2-5)
Yes ___ No ___
2. Is your vessel, trailer, and/or equipment **clean** of all mud, dirt, plants, fish, and animals inside and outside, including flushing of all live-wells, bilge areas, ballast tanks, and cooling systems?
Yes ___ No ___
3. Is your vessel, trailer, and/or equipment **drained** of all water, including all bilge areas, cooling systems, lower outboard units, ballast tanks, live-wells, buckets, etc.?
Yes ___ No ___
4. Is your vessel, trailer, and/or equipment **completely dry, or has it been completely dry since its last use?**
Yes ___ No ___
5. Has your vessel, trailer, and/or equipment been decontaminated (flushed throughout with 140° F water with a contact time of at least 10 seconds) since its last use?
Yes ___ No ___

If you answered “Yes” to question 1, OR “Yes” to questions 2, 3, and 4, OR “Yes” to questions 2, 3, and 5, you may affirm you are Clean, Drained, and Dry by completing the form below.

If you answered “No” to one or more of questions 1, 2, 3, or 4 you are not Clean, Drained and, Dry, and you must completely dry or decontaminate your vessel, trailer, and/or equipment before completing this form and participating in the contest.

Section 4: Certification

I affirm that my vessel, trailer, and/or equipment is/are clean, drained, and dry prior to participating in the

(Contest Name) _____

at (Waterbody) _____ on (Start Date) _____ (End Date) _____

Vessel Registration Number: _____

Signature _____ **Print Name** _____