

Zebra mussel *Dreissena polymorpha*

QUICK FACTS:

- Classification: A small bivalve mollusk (family Dreissenidae)
- Origin: Eurasia
- First validated occurrence in the Great Lakes basin: Lake St. Clair, 1988 (Herbert *et al.* 1989)
- Means of introduction: Ballast water from ocean going vessels from Europe
- Key impacts: Biofouling, dramatically change water turbidity/clarity, displace native clams



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LITERATURE CITED

Herbert, P. D. N., Muncaster, B. W., and Mackie, G. L. 1989. Ecological and genetic studies on *Dreissena polymorpha* (Pallas): a new mullusc in the Great Lakes. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Science* 46:1587-1591.