**AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DETECTED IN CLEAR LAKE**

**RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK**

**WASAGAMING, MANITOBA -** In November 2023, Parks Canada received preliminary test results from water samples collected from Clear Lake throughout the summer. The results indicated the presence of environmental DNA (eDNA) for zebra mussels at Boat Cove throughout the season. Upon receiving these test results, staff conducted further monitoring and sampling.

As a result of this work, Parks Canada staff have confirmed the presence of zebra mussels at Boat Cove.

The boat launch area is closed until 2024. Parks Canada is working with partner organizations to analyze these results.

More information will be shared when it is available.

More information about eDNA and zebra mussels can be found on the RMNP website: <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/mb/riding/nature/conserv/aqua/faq>

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