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**From:** Sugarman, Shelly CIV  
**Sent:** Friday, July 6, 2018 8:33 AM  
**To:** Keim, Matthew; Bordenave, Pierre  
**Cc:** Williams, Marshall; Fischer, Steven M CIV; Greene, John J CTR; Moore, James M CIV  
**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Invasive mussel scare - high-risk construction barges

Matt and Pierre – didn't see you on the email string. Forwarding for your visibility and action, if appropriate.

Shelly Sugarman

**From:** Williams, Marshall <marshall\_williams@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 5, 2018 4:25 PM  
**To:** Sugarman, Shelly CIV <Shelly.H.Sugarman@uscg.mil>; Fischer, Steven M CIV <Steven.M.Fischer3@uscg.mil>; Greene, John J CTR <John.J.Greene@uscg.mil>  
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**From:** Molly McCahon <lakescommission@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 12:12 PM  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Invasive mussel scare - high-risk construction barges  
**To:** "Jones, Matthew" <matthew.jones@bnsf.com>, "serena@carlsonstratcomm.com" <serena@carlsonstratcomm.com>, "Wallace, Courtney" <Courtney.Wallace@bnsf.com>, dominic.winslow@bnsf.com  
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Greetings BNSF representatives,

We had a big scare here at the Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District office Monday when we heard several high-risk barges had passed the invasive species inspection station in Clark Fork and launched in Lake Pend Oreille at Hope. Apparently, these barges are going to be used for the railroad bridge project. Since Monday, 12 barges came through and only 3 stopped for an inspection. They found 1 barge with dead quagga/zebra mussels. On Monday Idaho heard they were coming through an hour before they arrived in Clark Fork - one barge stopped and many others flew by and went straight to Hope Marina and launched. Since then, we know of 12 that have launched in Lake Pend Oreille.

We are hoping to prevent this from happening again by letting you know the challenges this presents.

1. The inspection stations are not equipped to inspect or hot wash that many barges without much-advanced notice. They would need more inspectors and a lot of additional water.
2. The State of Illinois, where these barges originated from does not require a hot wash, but Idaho hot washes high-risk boats. Knowing the destination State's requirements is extremely important.
3. These barges are apparently in pieces that are attached in the water, so they do not look like watercraft, which means law enforcement would not recognize they needed to stop them for an inspection.

Are you in a position where you can facilitate communication between the Idaho Inspection Program and the person directly responsible for communicating with these drivers to ensure we will be prepared for additional equipment expected to arrive for this project?

Thank you for your time. Let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way.

Best,

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