

1. Ordering


- **Do not order prohibited species.**
- Do not order species on the B.C. Priority Invasive Species list that are in the *Prevent, Provincial EDRR, or Provincial Containment* categories.
- Order from reputable suppliers that adhere to regulations and provide documentation.
- Cross-check your order by scientific names against prohibited species lists.

 **B.C. Controlled Alien Species Regulation**



 **Pacific Fishery Regulation**



 **B.C. Prohibited Aquatic Invasive Species ID Guide**



 **B.C. Priority Invasive Species**



2. Identifying & Unpacking Orders

- Identify species received upon arrival and several days later.
- Check for any unwanted “hitchhikers.”
- Use identification tools to help confirm livestock received.
- Filter livestock and dispose of shipping water on dry land, away from household drains, sewers, or other waterbodies.
- If you have an ID mystery, take photos and report at invasive.plants@gov.bc.ca for verification.

B.C. Priority Invasive Fish Alerts



B.C. Field Guide to Aquatic Invasive Species



ISCBC Identify Invasive Species webpage



Invasive Mussels and Lookalikes



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3. Reporting & Preventing Contamination

 If you detect a prohibited mussel, isolate and contain it and call the B.C. Conservation Officer Service at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or #7277 on the Telus Mobility Network.


- If you detect a B.C. Priority Invasive Species (not a mussel) report using the provincial reporting tools linked here. Isolate and contain the organism and take photographs of it.
- Properly dispose of aquarium plants by drying or freezing in tightly sealed bags before putting in the trash.
- Do not dump or flush unwanted animals into waterways. Humanely euthanize and dispose of in a sanitary landfill.
- Follow recommended decontamination procedures when necessary.

 Report Invasives App




 Report using a web form



 Report by email



 Zebra mussel and moss ball decontamination



4. Staff Training & Customer Education

- Label livestock with both common and scientific names.
- Phase out stocks of invasive species and replace with native or non-invasive options.
- Provide customers with guidance on responsible disposal and surrender options for unwanted pets.
- Take the eLearning course for pet, aquarium, and water garden hobbyists and retailers.
- Become familiar with and share Don't Let it Loose educational materials.

Don't Let it Loose eLearning Course



Don't Let it Loose ISCBC Program



Don't Let it Loose Factsheet



Aquarium & Water Gardens Factsheet

