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Caution!

Don't Spread

New Zealand Mudsnails

Snails range in size from a grain of sand to 1/8 inch in length and are black or brown in color

The Threat

- **Rapid reproduction of this invader can lead to densities of 1 million per square yard. A single snail could result in the production of more than 40 million snails in one year.**
- **They outcompete and replace native invertebrates that are the preferred foods of fish.**
- **They can cause drastic, harmful changes in the native plant and animal food web of streams and lakes.**

What You Can Do

- **If you wade, freeze waders and other gear overnight (at least 6 hours).**
- **Have extra waders and boots that are used only in infested waters. Store them separately.**
- **After leaving the water, inspect waders, boots, float tubes, boats/trailers-any gear used in the water. Remove visible snails with a stiff brush and follow with rinsing. If possible, freeze or completely dry out any wet gear.**
- **Never transport live fish or other aquatic animals or plants from one water to another.**

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