

Help stop the spread of Zebra & Quagga Mussels!



Clean, Drain & Dry

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Aquatic Invasive Species Activity Book

Puddles

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Dog



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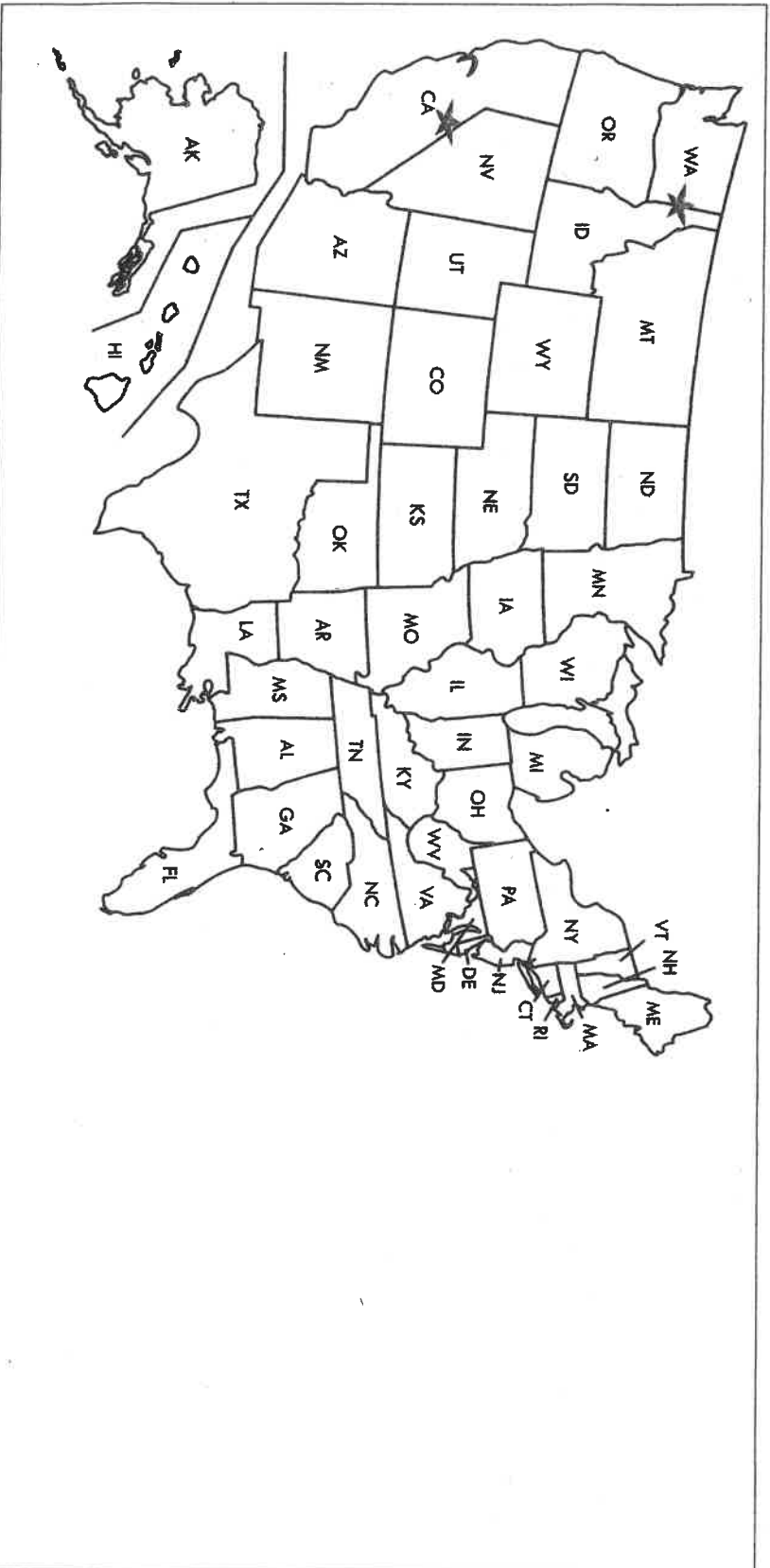


HELLO! MY NAME IS PUDDLES. I WAS BORN IN CALIFORNIA AND SOMEHOW ENDED UP IN A SHELTER FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS.

AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE GREEN DOG PROJECT, "RESCUED FOR A REASON", WORKED WITH "MUSSEL DOGS" (A GROUP THAT TRAINS OTHER DOGS LIKE ME), RESCUED ME AND SHOWED ME HOW TO SNIFF OUT ZEBRA (ZEB-BRAH) AND QUAGGA (QWA-GAH) MUSSELS.

THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO LEAVE THE SHELTER AND GET A JOB. I MOVED TO WASHINGTON STATE TO LIVE AND WORK IN 2019.

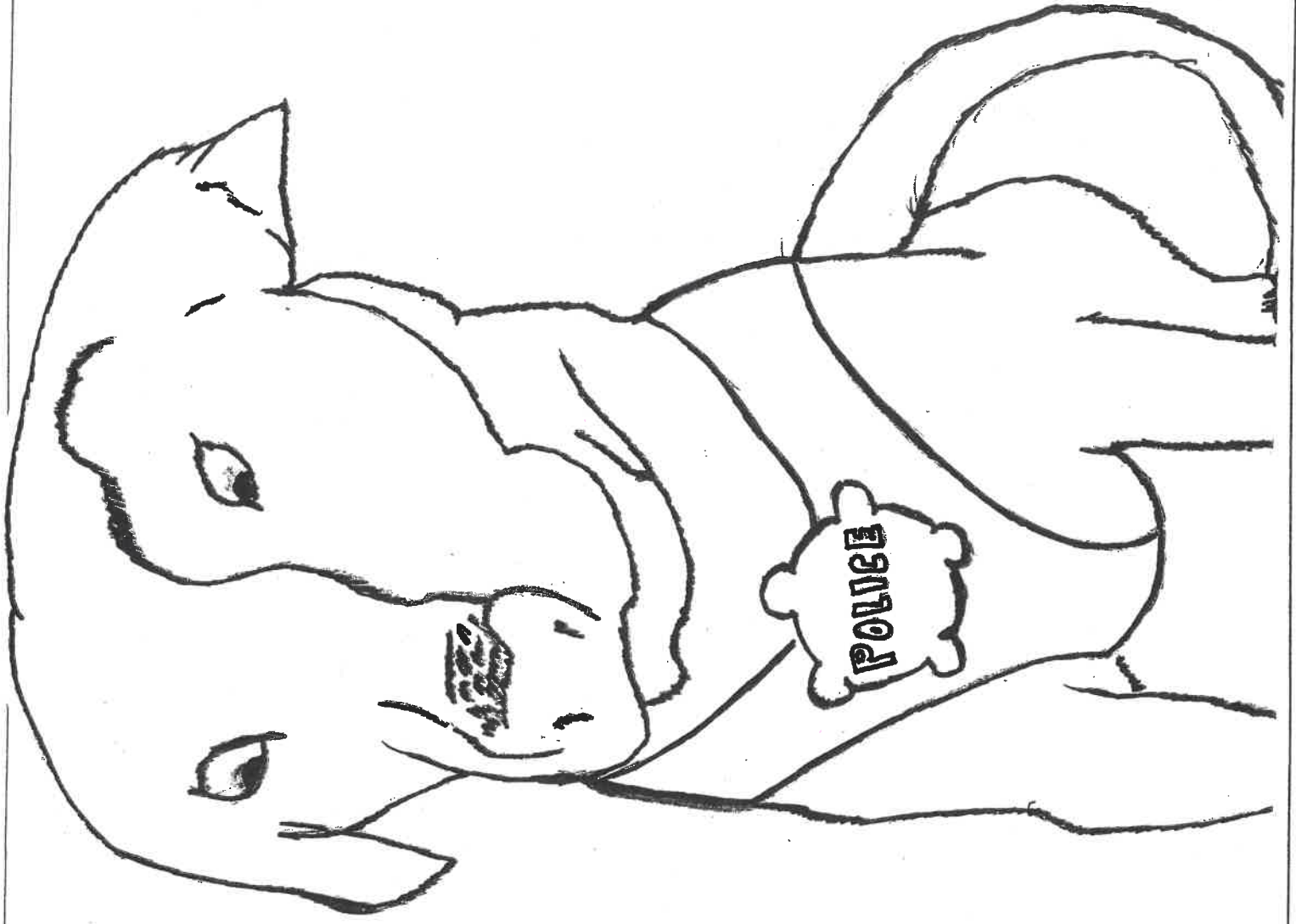
I AM HELPING THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LOOK FOR ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS ON WATERCRAFT. CAN YOU TRACE MY ROUTE FROM CALIFORNIA TO WASHINGTON STATE?



**IT'S MY JOB TO SNIFF OUT
ZEBRA AND QUAGGA
MUSSELS ON
WATERCRAFT COMING
INTO THE STATE.**

**I COULD SURE USE YOUR
HELP TEACHING OTHERS
HOW TO CHECK THEIR
WATERCRAFT AND STOP
THESE BAD CRITTERS FROM
GETTING INTO OUR
WATERS.**

WILL YOU HELP ME?



CAN YOU COMPLETE THIS WORD SCRAMBLE?

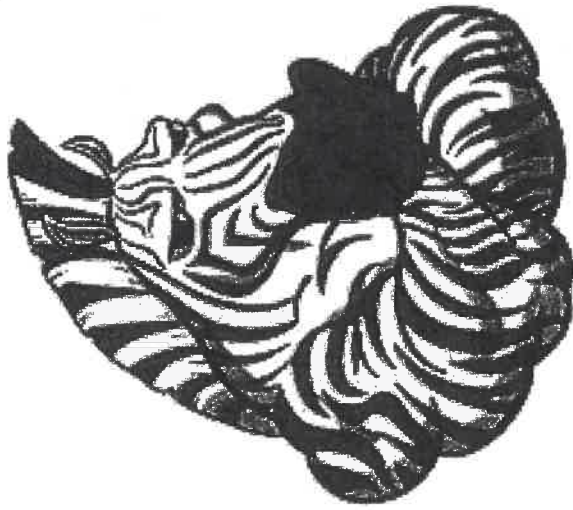
T S I U D L S E D P O J B O T I F N F S

B Z A R E A D N A Q G A G U L S M S U E S

N O S T B A O .

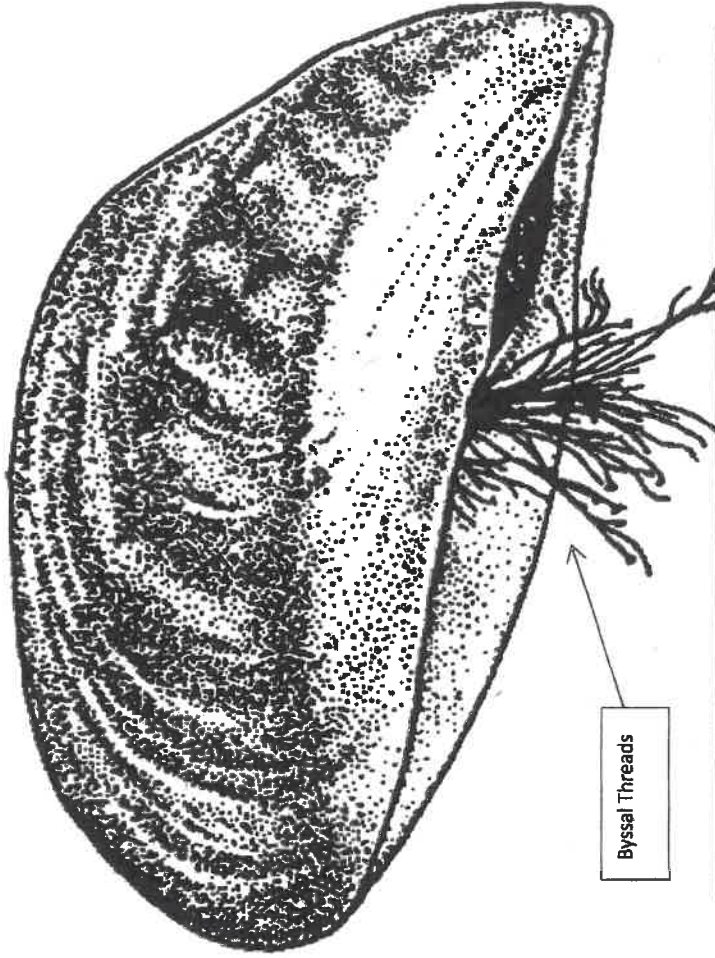
ANSWERS: ITS PUDDLES JOB TO SNIFF ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS ON BOATS.

WHAT DO A ZEBRA OR QUAGGA MUSSELS LOOK LIKE? UNLESS YOU ARE A SCIENTIST, IT'S REALLY HARD TO TELL THEM APART, THEY ARE KINDA LIKE TWINS. THEY ARE EQUALLY DAMAGING TO OUR ENVIRONMENT, SO WE TREAT THEM THE SAME. HERE IS A DRAWING:



THE ZEBRA MUSSEL

This is not a Zebra Mussel, but a Zebra with Muscles!



Byssal Threads

This is the real Zebra mussel. It has stripes just like the other Zebra, except they are mostly brown and kind of white, but they can be darker too. The part of the Zebra and Quagga mussels that stands out is the Byssal threads, remember that is how they hold on to surfaces and get transported around. The byssal threads are the hairy strands you see at the bottom of the shell.

CAN YOU FIND THE WORDS IN THIS WORD SEARCH?

T N U S E L D D D U P
 F O Y H E U C G D D X
 A I P F Q R L R U Y
 R T C S F P W G V W
 C C L I Q V M Y N K
 R E E N E E M R I M
 E P A J B H P D A P
 T S N L O N E Q R D
 A N V C A V Q A D N
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DRAIN

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INSPECTION

PUDDLES

WATERCRAFT

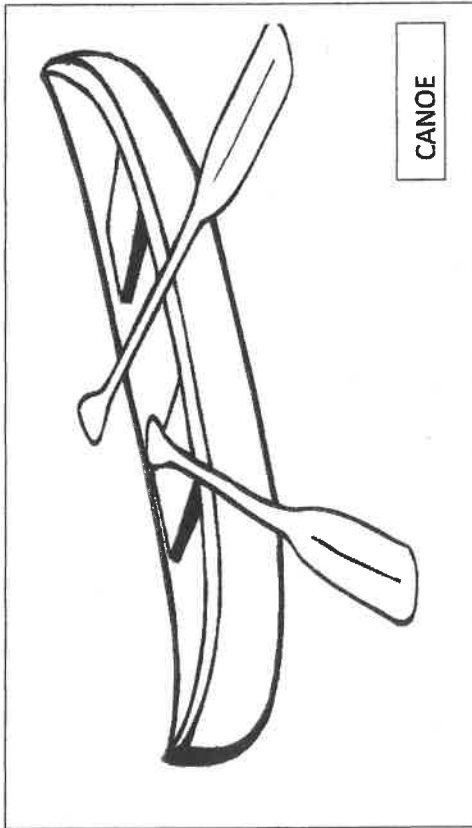
BOAT

DRY

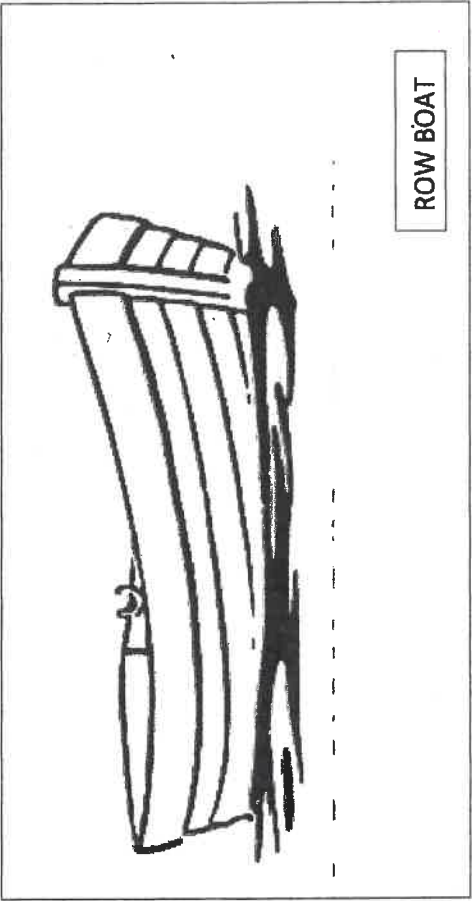
AIS WORD SEARCH Answer Key:

T N U S E L D D D U P
 F O I T C L E A N
 A R C R E P S N I
 R C E P S N I
 T C L E A N
 A N V C A V Q A D N
 W I W Q T J C L G L

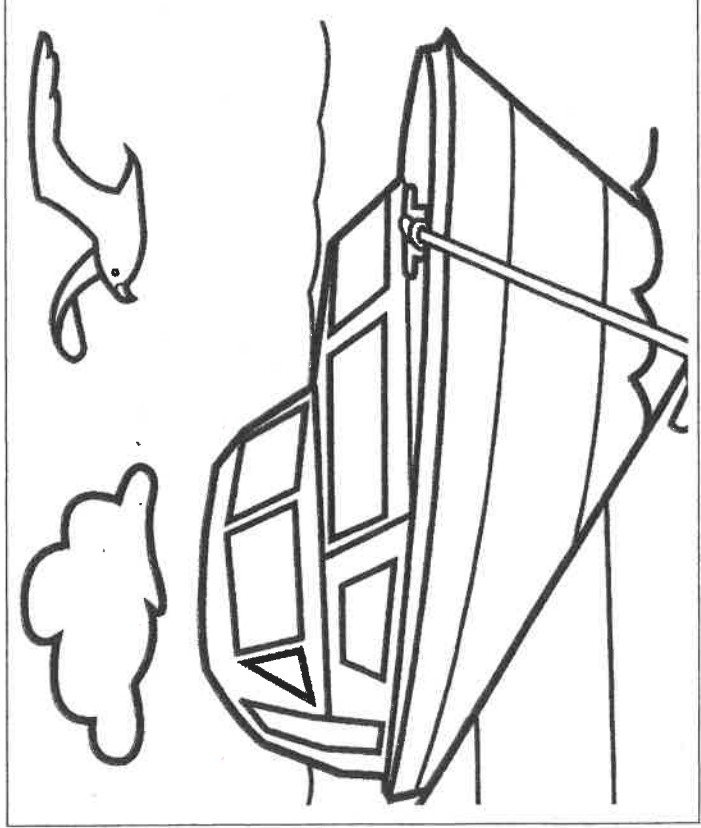
LET'S NOW LEARN ABOUT WATERCRAFT. THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF WATERCRAFT IN THE WORLD, PERHAPS YOU HAVE ONE A HOME THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THESE!



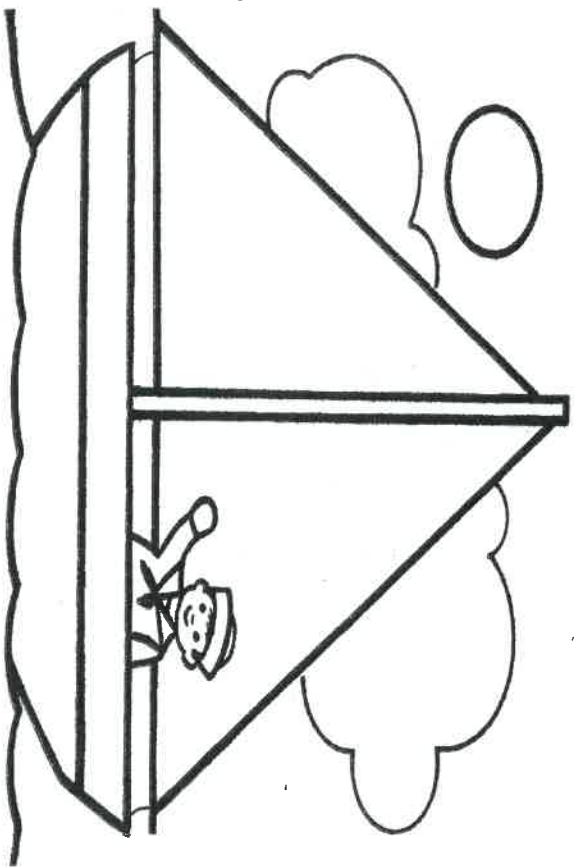
CANOE



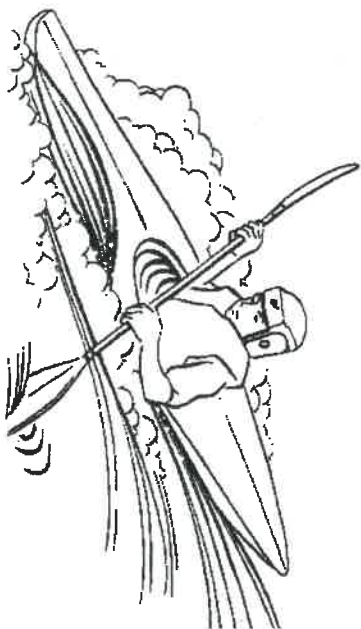
ROW BOAT



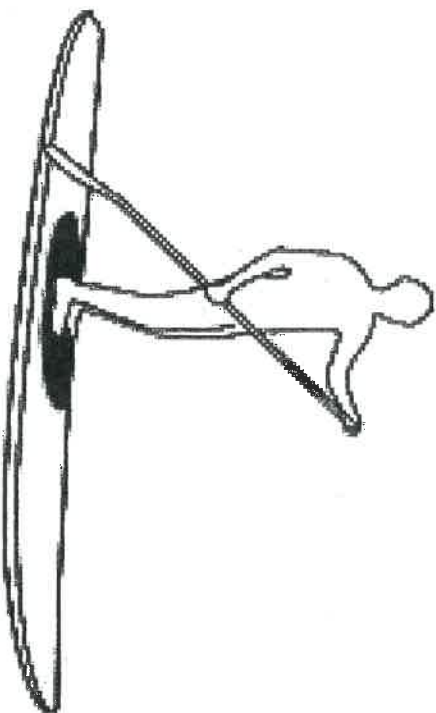
CABIN CRUISER



SAIL BOAT



KAYAK

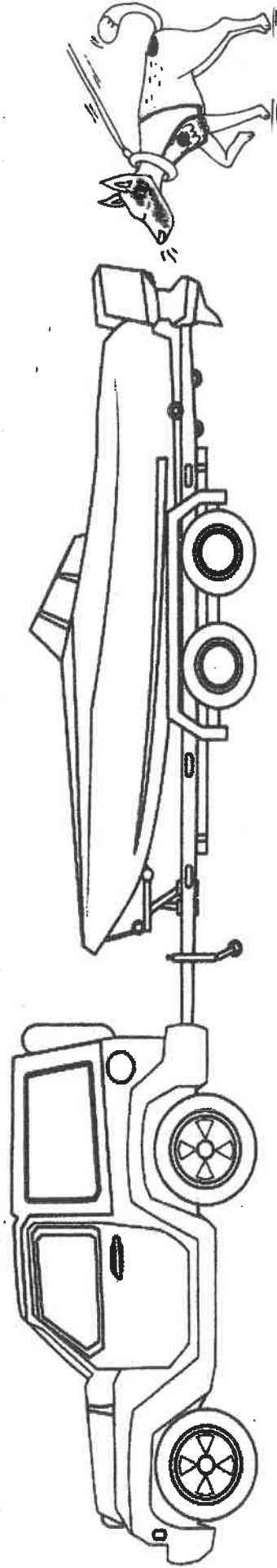
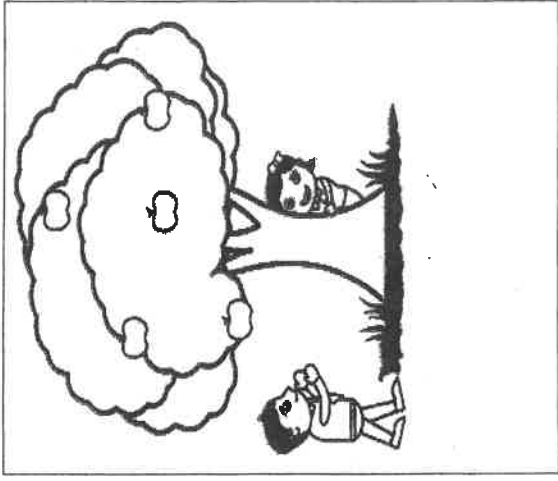


STAND UP PADDLE BOARD

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE TYPES OF WATERCRAFT YOU MAY SEE WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT. ANY OF THESE MAY CARRY INVASIVE SPECIES AND WHEN REMOVED FROM THE WATER THEY MUST BE: CLEANED, DRAINED AND DRY!

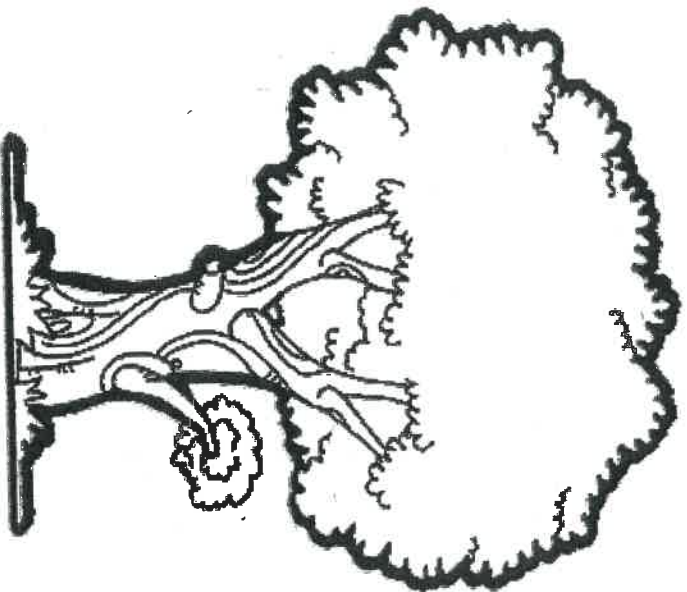
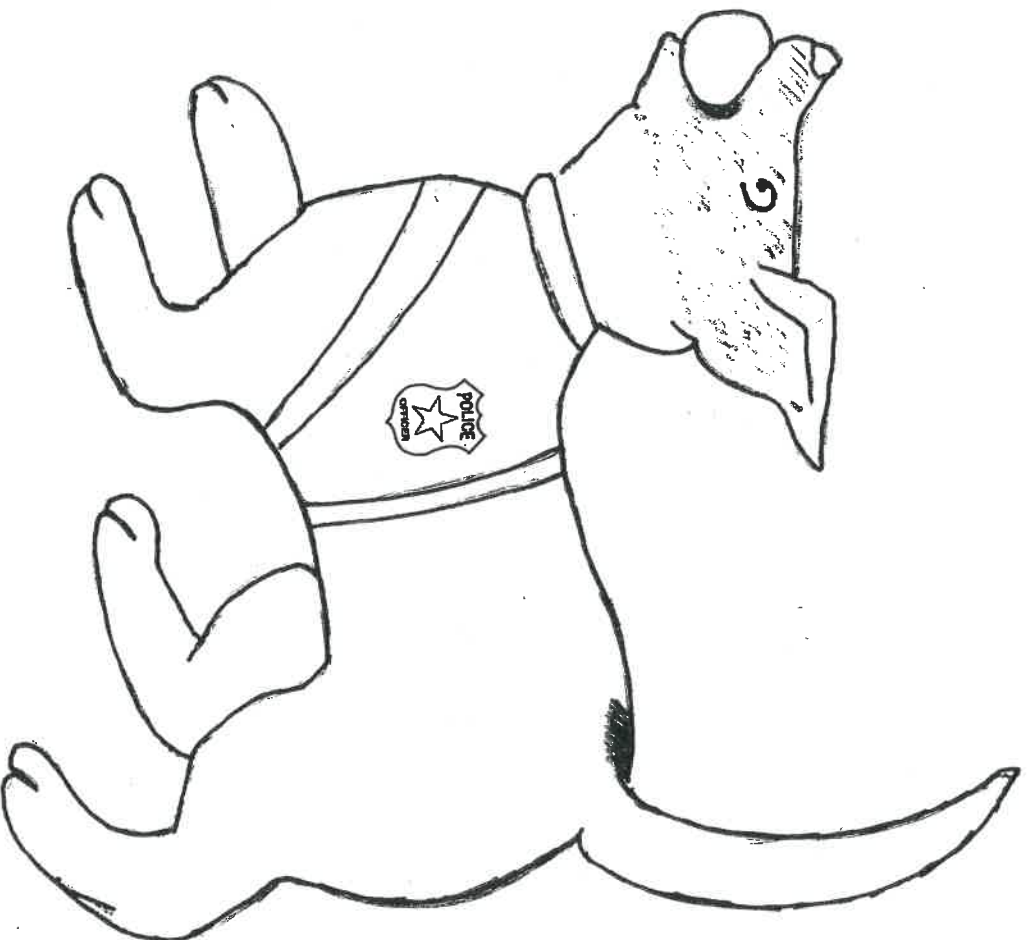
**I SUPPOSE YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT I DO WHEN I AM WORKING.
WELL, LET ME EXPLAIN IT TO YOU! (It's like playing Hide and SEEK)**

When a boater stops at one of our Aquatic Invasive Species Watercraft check stations, I help other employees look for Zebra and Quagga Mussels. Well, they look, I sniff. I am better at sniffing than they are. Here is what I look like when I am working.

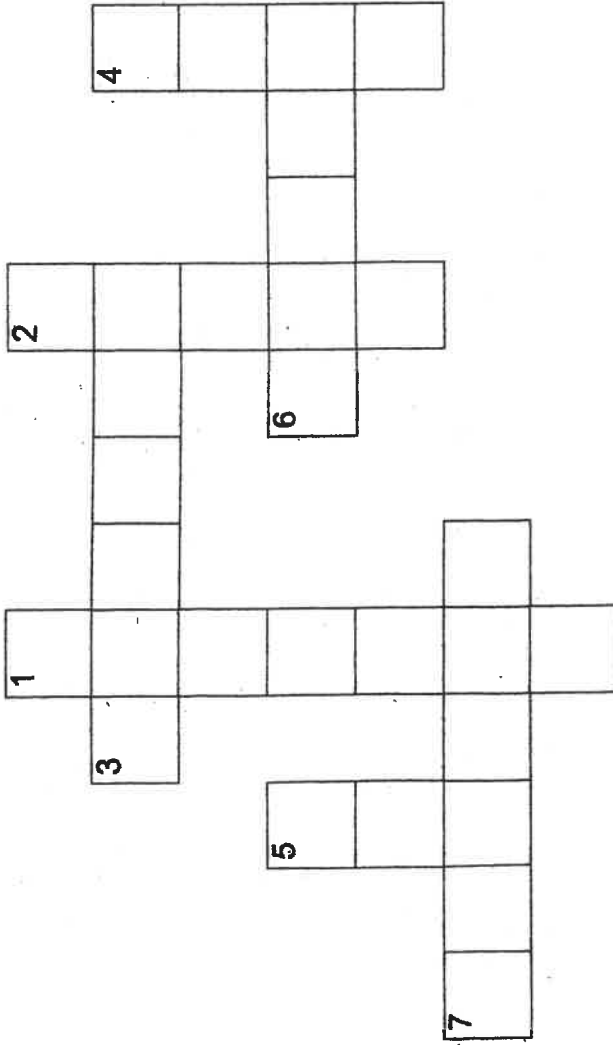


I was taught to sit down when I smell mussels. Not because I need to rest, but because I was taught to sit down to let my human co-worker know that they need to take a closer look; there may be an Invasive Species on the watercraft.

If my co-worker confirms, what I already know....I get to play with my most favorite toy in the whole wide world! This is me playing with my favorite toy after showing my co-worker where the mussels are!



HERE IS A CHALLENGING CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR YOU!



CLUES (ACROSS)

- 3-TYPE OF MUSSEL FOUND ON WATERCRAFT
- 6-ANOTHER TYPE OF MUSSEL FOUND ON WATERCRAFT THAT IS ALSO AN ANIMAL FOUND IN AFRICA.
- 7-AN UNWANTED SMALL SHELL-LIKE CRITTER THAT ATTACHES TO WATERCRAFT.

CLUES (DOWN)

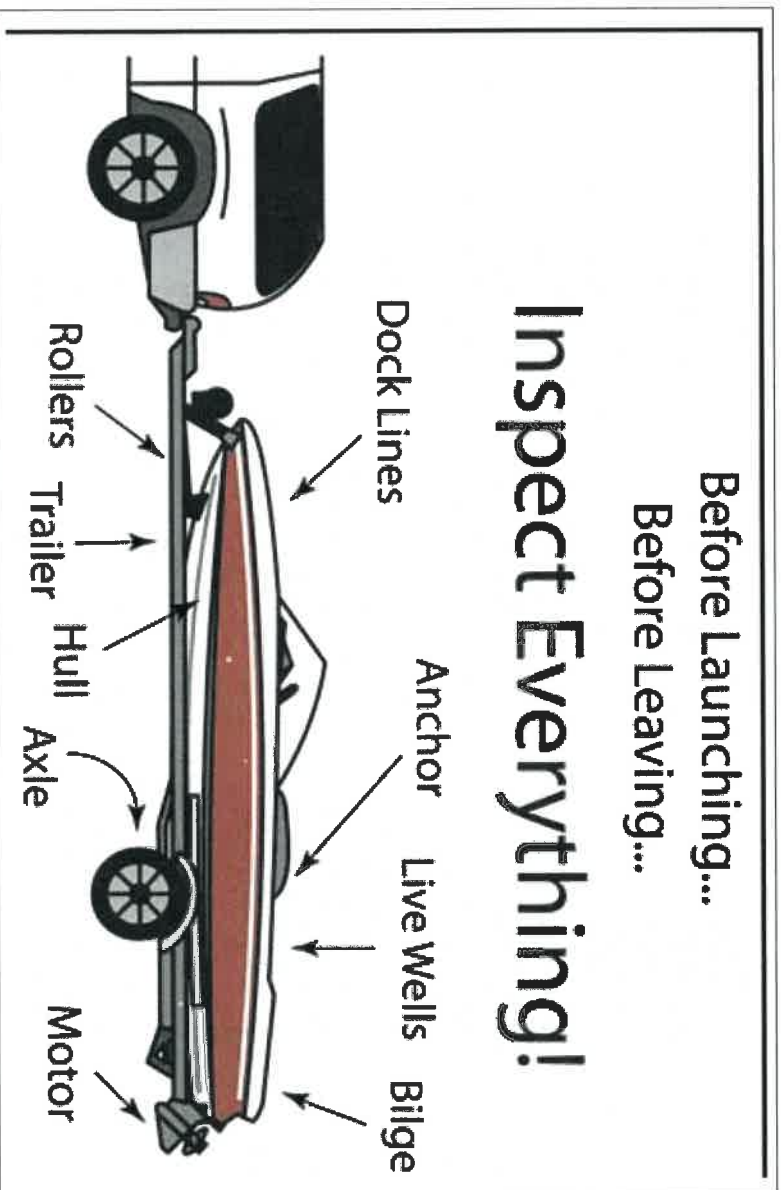
- 1-THE NAME OF THE DOG THAT SNIFFS FOR MUSSELS.
- 2-WHERE YOU PUT WATERCRAFT, LIKE BOATS AND PADDLEBOARDS TO ENJOY.
- 4-WHAT YOU RIDE IN WHEN YOU ARE ON THE WATER.
- 5-NICKNAME FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIE.

ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 3-QUAGGA, 6-ZEBRA, 7-MUSSEL DOWN: 1-PUDDLES, 2-WATER, 4-BOAT, 5-AIS

Before Launching...
Before Leaving...

Inspect Everything!



If you find something on your boat, pull it off clean thoroughly and dry. **REMEMBER**

CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY

**THANK YOU FOR
HELPING ME!**



PUDDLES