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**MONTANA**

FROM

**AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**



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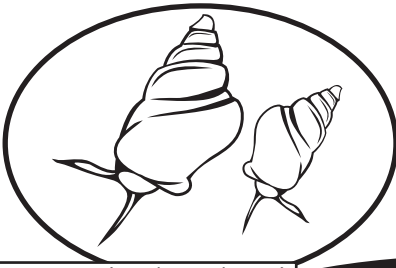
**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** are plants, animals and diseases that are not native to Montana and can harm our environment and economy. AIS populations can reproduce quickly and spread rapidly because there are no natural predators or competitors to keep them in check. Once established, there are few if any means to control AIS in natural waterbodies.

You can help protect our waters for future generations. **CLEAN** off aquatic plants, animals, and mud from watercraft, motor, trailer, and equipment before leaving water access. **DRAIN** water from watercraft, motor, bilge, bladder tanks, livewell, and portable bait containers before leaving water access. **DRY** everything or wipe with a towel to remove small species not easily seen.

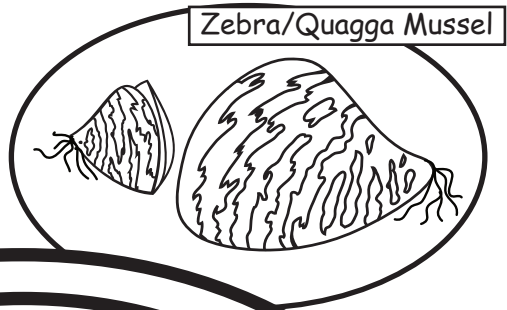
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New Zealand Mudsnail

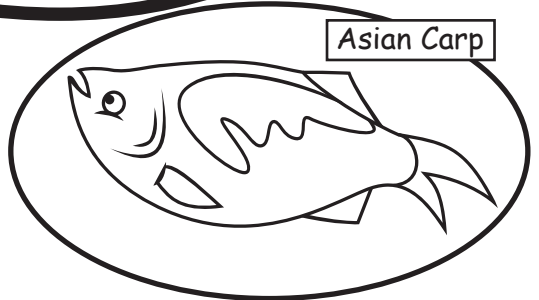


Zebra/Quagga Mussel

# INVASIVE SPECIES!



Curlyleaf Pondweed



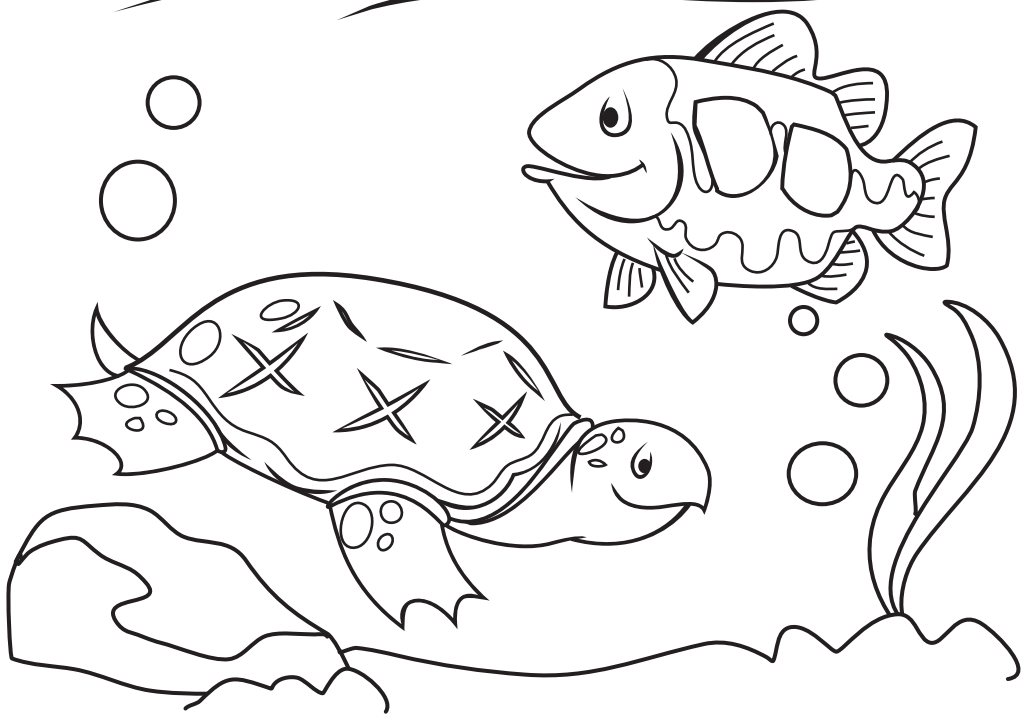
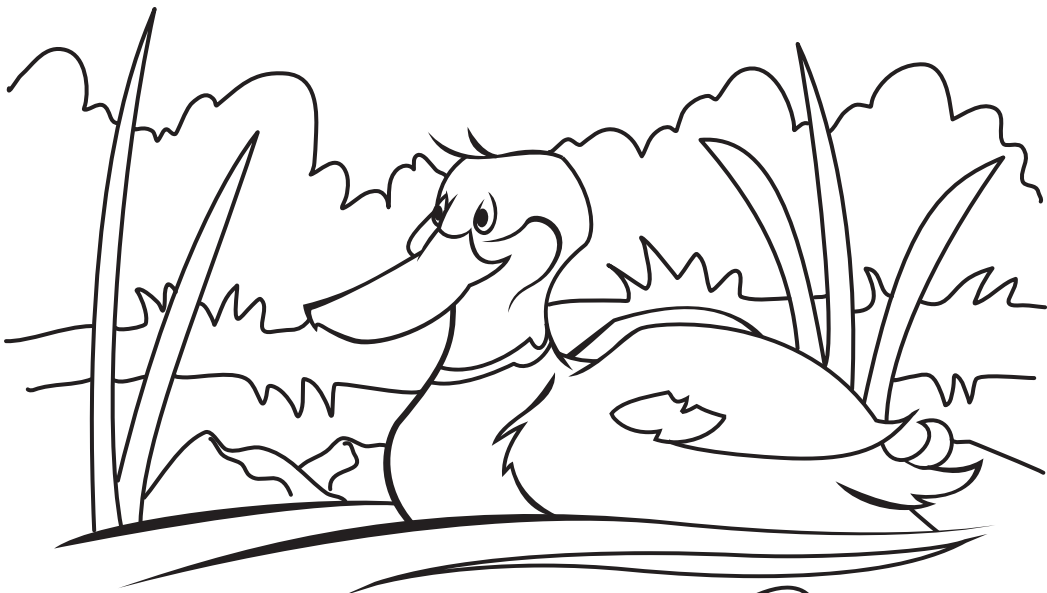
Asian Carp

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES are non-native plants and animals that can cause harm to Montana's waterways!

Montana is a state with beautiful mountains and crystal clear waters. Do you have a favorite lake or river you swim or fish in?

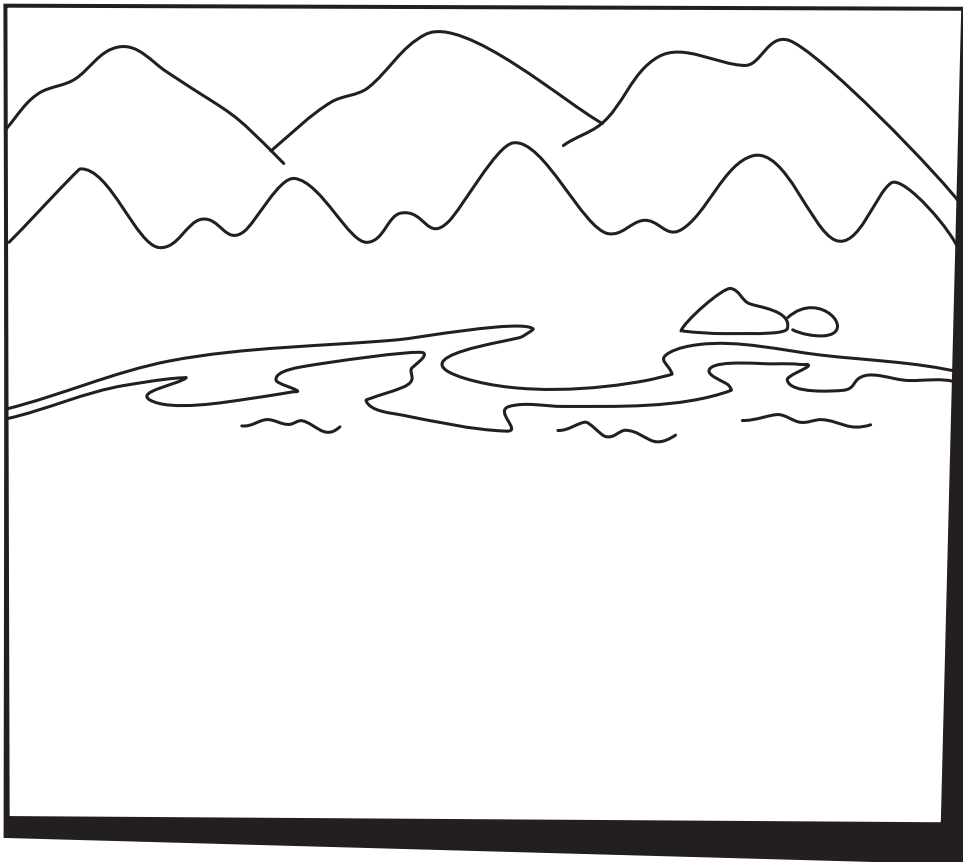


Rivers and lakes provide homes for many different types of wildlife. What animals do you see living in the water?





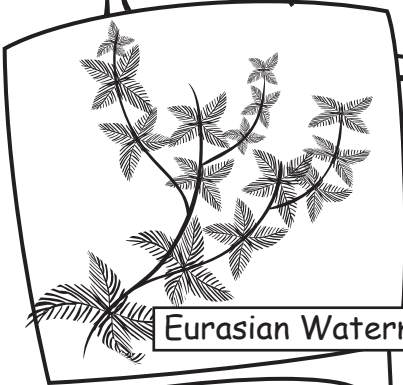
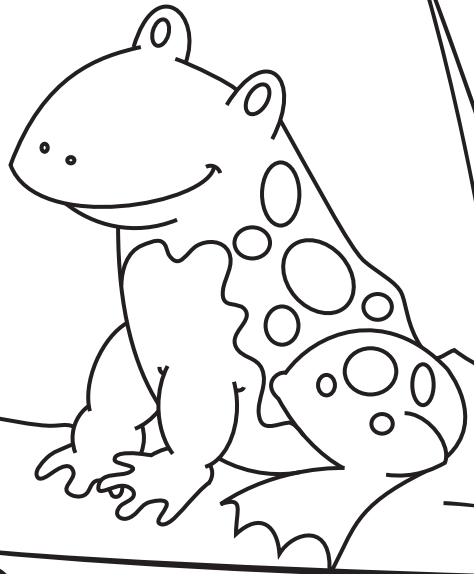
Montana's rivers and lakes also are great for boating and fishing!



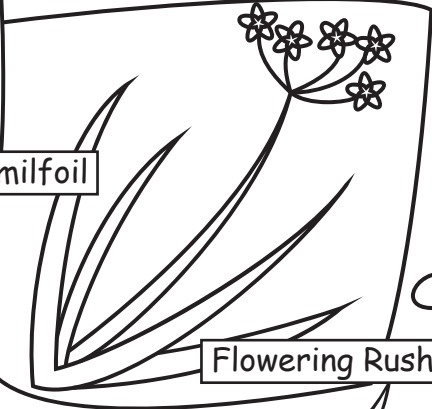
**DRAW YOUR OWN!**

Do you like to fish,  
swim or go boating?  
Draw your favorite  
thing to do at the  
lake or river!

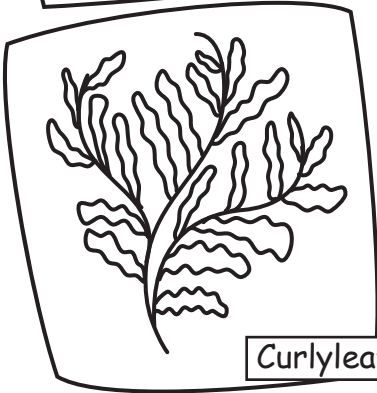
INVASIVE WEEDS can take over shallow habitat and crowd out good native plants. Native plants provide shelter and food for fish and wildlife!



Eurasian Watermilfoil

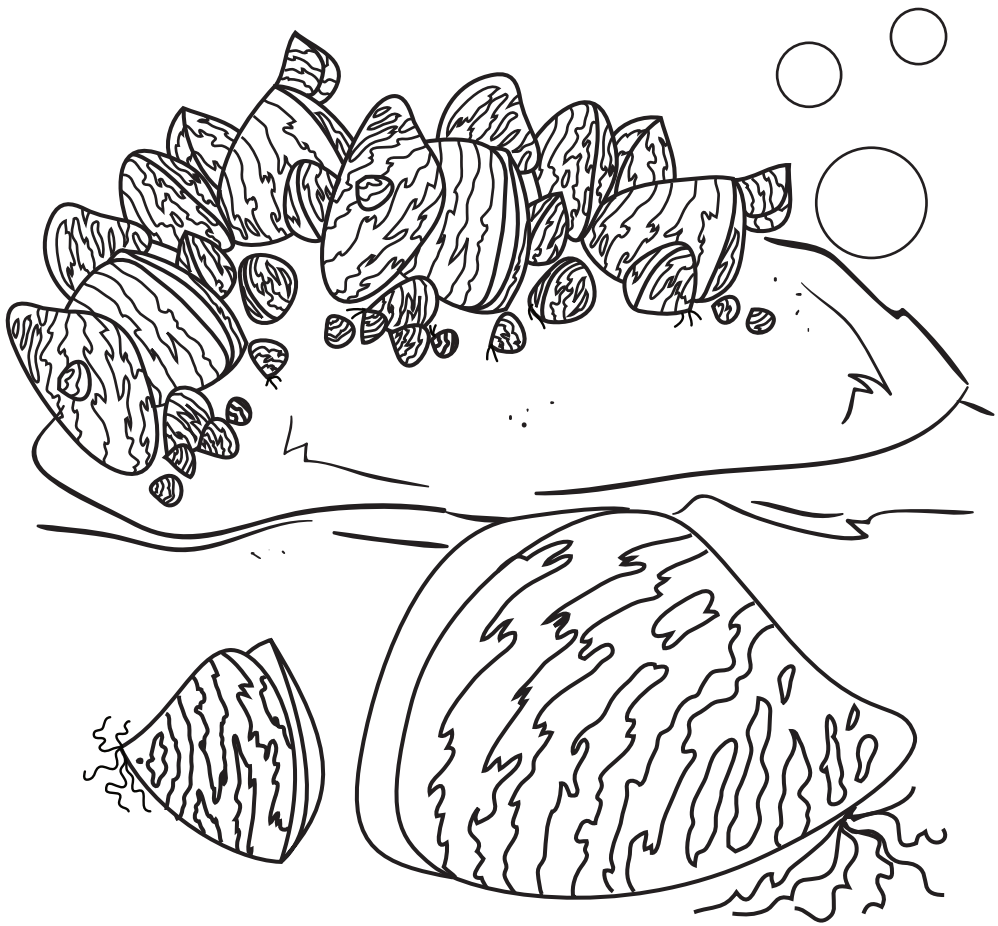


Flowering Rush



Curlyleaf Pondweed





Zebra and Quagga mussels are small, freshwater mollusks that can cause a lot of trouble! They grow on pipes, docks and bridges.

**INVASIVE** mussels eat lots of food, leaving less food for Montana's native fish!

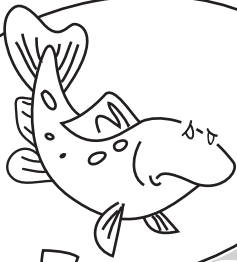
People can spread invasive species  
by not washing their boats!  
Always make sure your boat is  
clean of mud and plants before  
hitting the water!



# MILFOIL MAZE

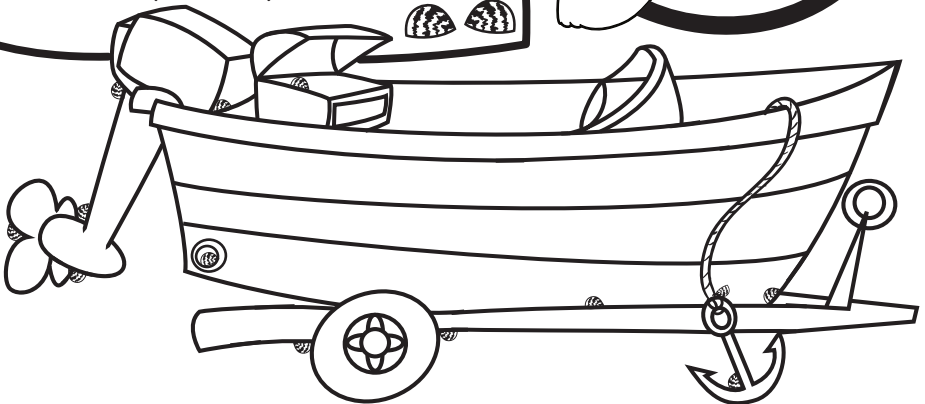
Oh No!

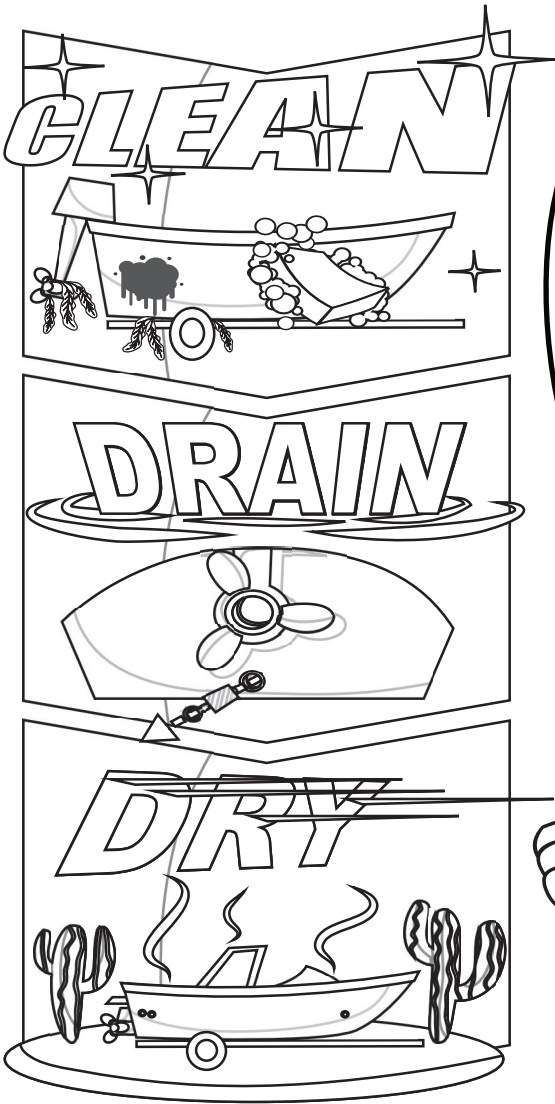
**Eurasian Watermilfoil** has been introduced into Teddy Trout's river! Help him swim through the weeds to find his lunch!



# MUSSEL SEARCH

Zebra and Quagga Mussels are small and sneaky! They are good at hiding and can stow away anywhere on your boat! See if you can spot all 13 mussels.





We all need to do our part to protect Montana's waterways! Follow these steps to make sure our lakes and rivers stay healthy for all of us!



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