Commercially Hauled Watercraft and Aquatic Invasive Species

Requirements for Commercially Hauled Watercraft Entering the State of Montana.

1.) Commercial Haulers transporting watercraft should be aware of Montana’s laws and rules. (MCA 80-7-1015).
2.) Penalties can reach up to a no bond felony. (MCA 80-7-1014)
   a. It is illegal to transport aquatic invasive species, dead or alive, within the State of Montana. Aquatic invasive species can be plants, animals or diseases. (MCA 80-7-1010)
   b. All watercraft being transported in the State of Montana must stop at all open watercraft inspection stations. (MCA 80-7-1011)
   c. It is illegal to transport surface water in the State of Montana. (ARM 12-5-706 (e))
   d. All aquatic vegetation must be removed from watercraft and trailers prior to transport. (ARM 12-5-706 (d))
   e. All watercraft must be inspected prior to launch in the State of Montana. (ARM 12-5-706 (b))
3.) If there are any questions, please call 406-444-2449

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