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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair and Directors, RDCO
From: Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, OBWB
Date: June 3, 2015
Subject: **UBCM meeting on zebra and quagga mussels**

The Okanagan Basin Water Board would like to request a meeting with the Premier and ministers of Environment and Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, through the Regional District of Central Okanagan. This meeting would be to discuss the gaps in budget and planning for preventing invasive zebra and quagga mussels, and to advocate for a similar level of response as Alberta. We've heard from two provincial staff that the government does not intend to cover the costs of the damage associated with zebra/quagga mussels should they arrive, so it's especially urgent to keep them out.

Last year, the RDOS and RDNO organized a similar meeting, and our board Chair, Doug Findlater, believes that this year the meeting would have the most impact if the request was sent by RDCO (on behalf of the OBWB) and opened up to representatives from the other two regional districts.