

# PROTECT YOUR MARYLAND WATERS

## *Stop the spread of aquatic invasives*

Non-native invasive species can aggressively colonize our waters and push out native populations. This has negative impacts on water resources, fisheries, habitat, recreation, and commerce. Here are a few simple steps you can take to prevent the spread of these harmful species in your waters.



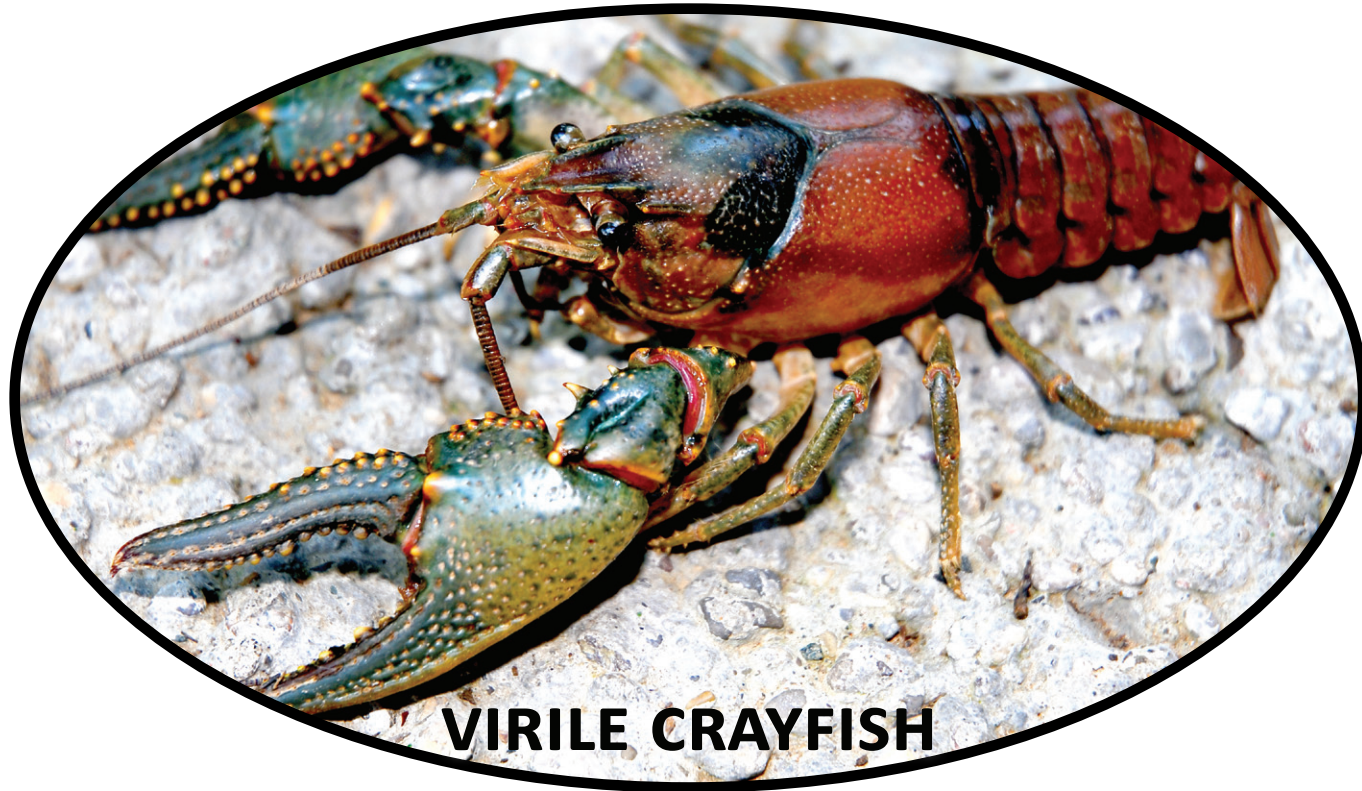
AQUATIC VEGETATION

**REMOVE** aquatic plants, debris, and mud from boat, motor, trailer, and fishing equipment before launching and after take out; place in trash.



ZEBRA MUSSELS

**NEVER RELEASE** unwanted aquatic pets or dump aquaria into or near Maryland waters. Destroy any plants and humanely destroy aquatic animals.



VIRILE CRAYFISH

**DRAIN** water onto the ground from boat motors, live wells, bilge, bait buckets and coolers after use and before accessing another water body.



NORTHERN SNAKEHEAD

**DISPOSE** of unused bait far from water or in trash.

**RINSE** boat, motor, trailer, live wells, bait buckets, coolers, SCUBA gear, waders, and boots with hot or high pressure water.

**CALL 1-877-620-8DNR** if you find a suspected invasive species. Keep and freeze any specimens and take lots of photos!

***[dnr.maryland.gov/invasives](http://dnr.maryland.gov/invasives)***

*Maryland Department of Natural Resources laws and regulations prohibit releasing invasive plant and animal species into the non-tidal waters of the State.*