

**THE 100<sup>TH</sup> MERIDIAN INITIATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR:  
TRAILERED BOAT SURVEY INTERVIEW FORM**

<b>Information Exchange:</b>	<p><u>Viewed:</u> Boater casually looked over, but did not accept literature.  <u>Read:</u> Boater read over, but did not accept literature.  <u>Brochures Accepted:</u> Boater took literature away with them.</p>
<b>Results of Boat Inspection:</b>	<p><u>Rejected:</u> boater refused an inspection for some reason. Might have been non-receptive ([NR], see Comments) or simply in a hurry.  <u>Undertaken By:</u>  <i>Party</i> – the boater conducted the inspection with no help, or participation from, the interviewer.  <i>Interview</i> – the interviewer conducted the inspection with no help from, or in the absence of, the boater.  <i>Both</i> – the boater was present and involved in some aspect of the inspection.</p>
<b>Results:</b>	<p><i>Nothing found</i> – check this box if an inspection was conducted and no organisms were discovered.</p> <p>Otherwise, check the appropriate box for the organism(s) and location(s) where a plant or animal was found.  <i>Other</i> - organisms other than zebra mussels or vegetation. (Examples: snails, clams, baitfish, etc.)  <i>Action Taken</i> - indicate whether the organisms were removed, removed and collected, left alone, etc.</p>
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>In order to recall meaningful data from this section, we are using letter codes to designate common responses.  Examples:  [I] = Informed. Aware of zebra mussels and other exotics  [U] = Uninformed. Generally ignorant of alien species  [R] = Receptive. Receptive/helpful  [NR] = Not receptive. Uncooperative/negative attitude  [T] = Tournament Fisherman  [D] = Dirty. Trailer/vessel exceptionally dirty.</p> <p>These are just some examples, feel free to create codes that cover other responses, just make sure to describe your code so that it can be standardized. As long as a code is included, written comments can be input as well.</p>



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**General Instructions:**

The large number of participants collecting data for the 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian Initiative means that it is very important for all respondents to report data that is complete, legible and standardized. **All** the information on the “Trailer Boat Survey Interview Form” will be used to answer questions concerning travelling boaters as potential carriers of harmful exotic organisms, so interviews should be directed towards **out-of-state boaters** visiting your state, or **resident boaters returning from out of state**.

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Specific instructions for filling out the Trailer Boat Interview form follow on the next two pages...