

**VESSEL INSPECTION REPORT
INVASIVE MUSSEL PREVENTION PROGRAM
Lopez Lake Recreation Area
San Luis Obispo County Parks**

Period: December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Inspections only	60
Inspection followed by decontamination	0
Returning tags	223
Total vessels entering park	285
Rejected	2

Reasons for rejection	
Water in bilge/hull/engine	2
Water in live well/bait tank	0
Internal ballast system	0
Debris on boat hull	0
Refused inspection	0

Categories defined:

Inspection: All vessels that do not have an intact clear tag attached undergo an inspection which includes interviewing the vessel owner, verifying the vessel's point of origin, and physical inspection of the trailer and vessel.

Decontamination: SLO County does not use hot water to decontaminate vessels from "caution zone" areas. Vessels from contaminated waterways are subject to a 30-day quarantine period. Vessels with internal ballasts are required to add a 5% bleach solution to decontaminate the ballast system for a 60-minute period.

Returning Tags: Vessels with Lopez Lake, Santa Margarita Lake, or Cachuma Lake wire tags or tyvek tags still attached to vessel and trailer are considered clean. These boats have not been removed from the trailer since their last visit to a lake and are not subject to inspection or decontamination.

Rejected: These vessels are not permitted to enter the park.

Notes: No changes in procedures or other special notes for this month.

As of 12/31/2023 no invasive mussels have been found on any vessel at the Lopez Lake Inspection Station.

Information compiled directly from vessel inspection forms.

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Date: 12/31/2023

Submitted to: Faith Zenker

**VESSEL INSPECTION REPORT
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Santa Margarita Lake Recreation Area
San Luis Obispo County Parks**

Period: December 1st through December 31st, 2023

Inspection only	31
Rejected	0

Reasons for rejection	
Water in bilge/hull/engine	0
Water in live well/bait tank	0
Internal ballast system	0
Debris on boat hull	
< 30 days off contaminated water	0

Categories defined:

Inspection: All vessels that do not have an intact clear tag attached undergo an inspection which includes interviewing the vessel owner, verifying the vessel's point of origin, and physical inspection of the trailer and vessel.

Returning Tags: Vessels with Lopez Lake, Santa Margarita Lake, or Cachuma Lake stamped and sealed wire or Tyvek clear tags attached to vessel and trailer. These boats have not been removed from trailer since last visit to lake and are not subject to inspection.

Rejected: These vessels are not permitted to enter the park.

As of December 31st, 2023, no invasive mussels have been found on any vessel at the Santa Margarita Lake Inspection Station.

Information compiled directly from vessel inspection forms.

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Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio

**A program of the
Monterey County Parks Department,
San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department,
And private boat launch ramp owners**

Period December 1 through December 31, 2023

Public Ramps (Monterey County Parks)

Number of vessels inspected at Lake San Antonio	10
Banded boats ¹	25
Number of boats rejected/reinspected	0
Number of boats quarantined	0
Total boats inspected	35
Number of vessels inspected at Lake Nacimiento Resort	113
Banded boats	100
Number of boats rejected/reinspected	1
Number of boats quarantined	1
Total boats inspected	213

Program description

Mandatory screening of all vessels entering Lake Nacimiento or Lake San Antonio began in May 2011. Vessel operators must complete a Vessel Screening Permit. A certified inspector reviews the completed certificate, interviews the vessel operator, and screens the vessel. Vessels that have been on infested waters in the last 30 days and that are not clean, drained, and dry undergo a full inspection conducted by a certified screener. If the vessel passes the screening and/or the full inspection, the inspector issues a signed and stamped permit that is valid for up to 21 days. Vessels that fail the inspection or that have been on an infested lake in the previous 10 days are not allowed to launch.

Public ramps: Public launch ramps are located at both Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio. At the public ramps, this program is administered and operated by Monterey County Parks Department. Data on the total number of vessels that are screened and/or inspected at the public ramps are maintained by the Monterey County Parks Department.

Private ramps: Numerous private launch ramps are located around Lake Nacimiento. The San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department has worked closely with private launch ramp owners (communities and individuals) to implement the inspection program. Records of the number of vessels that are screened and/or inspected at the private ramps may be maintained by some communities, however, complete information for the entire private ramp program is not available, and therefore is not all reported here.

¹ Banded Boats – number of vessels with a Monterey County band that signifies Lake Nacimiento or Lake San Antonio was the last body of water the boat was on; Monterey County does not recognize any other boat banding program.