



Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

# Protocols & Best Practices

**The Ad Hoc Committee comprised of**

- **Chairman Carbajal**
- **Supervisor Firestone**
- **COMB**
- **County staff and other interested parties**

**Agreed upon and recommends the following additional proactive actions:**



## Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations Protocols

- Secure temporary pressurized hot water wash stations and accelerate procurement of a permanent station.
- Seek funding assistance for expanded protocols
- Refine staff training on Quagga inspection and treatment programs.



## Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations Protocols

- Expand boat quarantine space to accommodate anticipated need.
- Authorize opening of Boat Launch Ramp
- Authorize staff to return with fee recommendations for boat launch and cleaning fees.
- Provide a comprehensive public information campaign.



# Santa Barbara County Parks Department



## Vessel Inspection & Launch Protocols for Invasive Species Control at Cachuma Lake County Park March 2008



# Boat Launching Protocol

## Requirements for Boating Access

- Clean and Dry
- All Drain Plugs Removed
- Quarantine of Boats Longer than 24'
- Visual Inspection
- Treatment



# Boat Launching Protocol

## 14-Day Quarantine in Parks Storage

- Boats 24' +, clean and dry
- Boats from Riverside, San Diego Co.
- Out-of-state boats of any length



# Boat Launching Protocol

## Security Boat Launch Tag (BLT)

- To expedite re-entry to Cachuma Lake, a Boat Launch Tag will be attached upon request.
- Upon re-entry, the BLT confirms the boat has not been removed from the trailer, and thus has not been in any other waters after leaving Cachuma Lake.
- The new system will expedite visual inspections and launch requirements for many local boaters.



# Boat Launching Protocol

## Boats Given Continued Access

- Private boats moored at Cachuma
- Rental boats used and stored at Cachuma
- Santa Barbara County Parks Department boats at Cachuma



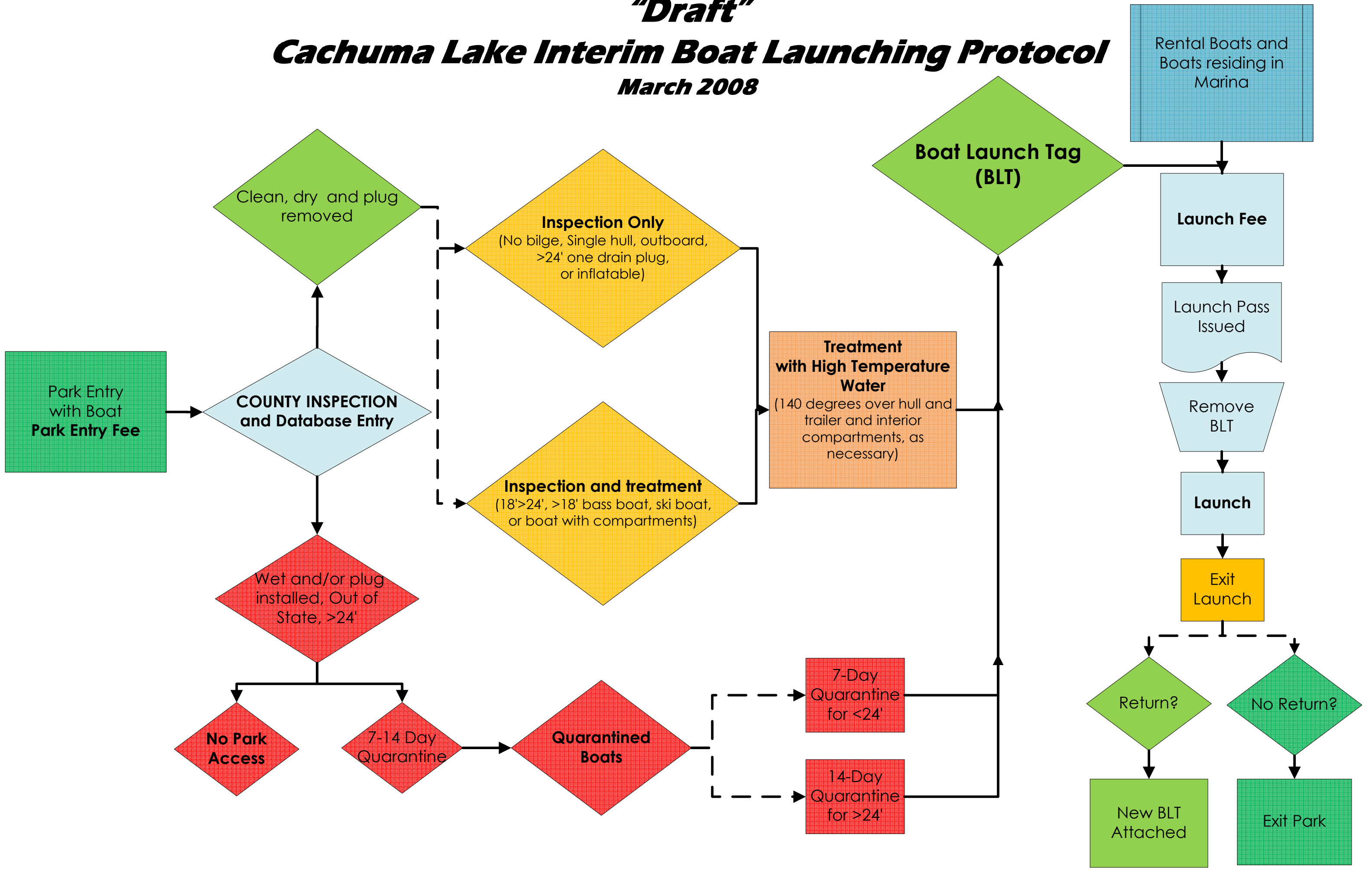


# Boat Launching Protocol

## Prohibition of Live Bait

- ONLY commercially-purchased worms and night crawlers will be allowed into Cachuma Lake.

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## Trout Derby

- Increase inspection, treatment and launch staff during the Cachuma Lake Nature Center Trout Derby to ensure thorough inspection and treatment.
- Secure Quagga K9 dog from DFG

In summary, the Santa Barbara County Parks Department has been proactive in Quagga Mussel prevention and inspections since January 2007.

Together with the Cachuma Operations and Maintenance Board, the County of Santa Barbara and other interested parties understand and appreciate the seriousness of the issues and have laid out proactive steps to avoid invasive species introduction into Cachuma Lake.





# Santa Barbara County Parks Department



- Adopt proposed protocols and operational practices
- Direct staff to continue to work with COMB, water purveyors and other appropriate agencies for funding assistance
- Approve a waiver of bid for timely procurement of a permanent Quagga wash station
- Provide direction to staff on the protocols and operational practices to prevent introduction of the Quagga into Cachuma Lake
- Authorize the opening of the new boat launch ramp consistent with implementation of new protocols and practices.