

# WADER WASH



The invasive alga known as “Didymo” or “Rock Snot” is **present in this section of the river!** Didymo blankets stream bottoms and smothers aquatic life. Help prevent the spread of Didymo by taking the following simple steps each time you enter...and especially when you leave the river.

***Take 60 seconds now to protect your river:***

1. Wash your waders in the salt water bath below. Soak felt soles thoroughly.
2. Use the brush to wet the upper parts.
3. 60 seconds of exposure kills Didymo!



Use the grab bar for safety



Use the brush to soak the upper wader. Salt water won't harm your waders.

**Didymo** is an algal diatom – a one-celled plant - that forms long stalks which combine to form heavy, thick mats that can smother a stream bottom. The stalks can persist for two or more months after the diatoms die, causing habitat damage for an extended period of time. Originally found in Scotland and extreme northern Europe and Asia, Didymo has been transported worldwide. Recently, the species has been found in the northeast and mid-Atlantic regions of the United States. In many cases, anglers have unknowingly transported the diatom on their fishing gear.