



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES NEWS

01/02/2013

DREISSENID MUSSELS

[1. B.C. government amends the controlled alien species regulation \(12/20/12\)](#)

VICTORIA –The B.C. government has amended the controlled alien species regulation to protect our environment, with tough fines for those who introduce invasive species into local ecosystems. The B.C. government has strengthened the regulation, acting on a previous commitment to ban the snakehead fish. All public comments received on the government’s policy paper supported strong action on this issue. Main measures include:

- Prohibiting the possession, breeding, release or transportation of high-risk aquatic species such as the snakehead. Releasing a live snakehead into local waters could result in a fine of up to \$250,000.
- Requiring that no invasive **zebra or quagga mussel**, alive or dead, be present on boats or related equipment. Failure to clean mussels off boats or equipment could result in a fine of up to \$100,000.....

WEEDS

[1. New OR Arundo Rule \(12/12/12\)](#)

The Oregon Department of Agriculture has adopted a new rule establishing a statewide control area for giant reed, *Arundo donax*. The effective date of the rule was December 12, 2012.

MARINE

1. Tsunami Debris

[1. State and federal agencies continue to monitor dock that washed ashore on Olympic National Park coastline \(12/27/12\)](#)

FORKS, Wash. - A dock suspected to have been set adrift by the March 2011 Japanese tsunami remains beached on a remote and rugged section of the Olympic National Park coastline, state officials said today. State responders are developing a plan for dealing with the dock. No plan can be enacted until January, however, due to tides and daylight access. The Incident Command Post set up to address the dock stood down over the weekend and will resume operations when tides allow safe access to the dock.....

WA Tsunami / Marine debris website, go to: <http://marinedebris.wa.gov/>

[2. First look at dock from tsunami shows no highly invasive marine species \(12/27/12\)](#)

Nearly 30 species of marine life have been found on a dock that washed up on the Olympic National Park beach, and is suspected to be debris from the 2011 Japanese tsunami. Scientists, however, have **not** found any of the highly invasive marine species found on another tsunami debris dock that washed up on the Oregon Coast back in June.....

[4. Photos -- Dock in Olympic National Park](#)

[5 . Invasive Species Arrive with Possible Japan Tsunami Debris in Hawaii \(12/26/12\)](#)

A boat recovered from the shoreline in Punaluu on Oahu could be the latest piece of Japan Tsunami Debris to wash up in Hawai'i.....

[2. MI Prof Invents System To Detect Invasive Species In Ship Ballast Water? \(12/18/12\)](#)

DETROIT — A Wayne State University researcher is working to create a device ships can carry to avoid bringing new invasive species into the Great Lakes.....

FISH

[1. Genetically Engineered Salmon Nears FDA Approval \(12/28/12\)](#)

Genetically engineered salmon could make its way onto plates in the new year, but your body won't notice anything fishy about the filet, experts say. The Food and Drug Administration has determined genetically engineered salmon won't threaten the

environment, clearing it of all but one final hurdle before it shows up on shelves throughout the nation -- and igniting a final 60-day debate on whether it poses health risks before it's officially approved.

FDA Website on Genetically Engineered Salmon, go to:

<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/GeneticEngineering/GeneticallyEngineeredAnimals/ucm280853.htm>

2. Shocking Asian carp out of Midwest rivers not a viable option (12/19/12)

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – One of the more promising ideas for controlling or eliminating troublesome Asian carp populations in the Midwest's rivers is impractical and unsafe, according to a Purdue University researcher.....

OTHER

1. Climate Change Assessment Indicates Plants, Animals Already Shifting Ranges, Life Events Timing (12/21/12)

The report, “Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity, Ecosystems, and Ecosystem Services” mentions invasive species throughout the document.

2. Ending Extinction or Playing God? (12/27/12)

Inside a sometimes-violent mission to save endangered animals. An excerpt from [Battle at the End of Eden](#), [article discusses rats on a Gulf of California Island]

MEETINGS/WEBINARS

FEBRUARY

1. 12th Annual Eastern Washington / North Idaho Regional Lakes Conference

This lakes conference is hosted by the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, Spokane Community College Water Resources Program, and the Washington State Lake Protection Association. The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for the exchange of information and experiences of residents and lake associations in an effort to learn more about our lakes and watersheds. Please distribute to others who may be interested. With twelve years running and 140 people in attendance last year it was only through the generous support of our sponsors that this conference (with lunch provided) has remained free to attendees.

Thanks to sponsors this conference is FREE.

Date/Time: Saturday, February 9th 2013; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Spokane Community College. Lair - Student Union Building, N. 1810 Greene Street, Spokane WA, 99207

RSVP by Jan. 31st to: BiJay Adams, bijay@libertylake.org, (509) 922-5443 ext. 230

MARCH

1. [International Didymo Conference](#)

March 12-13, 2013 in Providence, Rhode Island.

2. **2nd Annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop**

The Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area planning team is pleased to announce that a date has been selected for the 2nd annual Columbia Gorge Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop. We'll be holding the event in Stevenson, WA from 09:00 to 16:00 on March 21, 2013. This workshop will have an invasive plant and noxious weed focus and will also provide resource managers and control practitioners information to detect aquatic invasive species and exotic pests. For further information contact: Justin Bush, Program Coordinator

Skamania County, Noxious Weed Control Program, (509) 427-3941;

bush@co.skamania.wa.us, <http://www.skamaniacounty.org/noxious-weeds/>

3. [National Invasive Species Awareness Week March 3 – 8, 2013](#)

Please mark your calendars for events in Washington, DC and around the country. State, federal and local and tribal officials meet with NGO's, industry and stakeholder groups addressing invasive species to examine laws, policies and creative approaches to prevent and reduce invasive species threats to our health, economy, environment and natural resources including special places.

4. [Western Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting -- Save the Date!](#)

Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

March 25 to 27, 2013

APRIL

1. [The Invasive Species Centre is hosting the 18th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, April 21-25, 2013 at the Sheraton-on-the-Falls Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.](#)

The **Preliminary Program** for the 18th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species is now available (last updated **12/17/12**) at the ICAIS conference website www.icaais.org. The program is still subject to change, so please check the website for

updates. Note that the cut-off date for hotel reservations is **March 21, 2013** so be sure to reserve early to ensure your accommodation
http://www.icaais.org/html/info_accomm.html

A graphic with the text "Happy New Year!" in a bold, blue, 3D-style font. The text is surrounded by several colorful streamers in shades of purple, blue, green, and yellow, giving it a festive appearance.

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New Year!