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[Model Legislative Provisions & Guidance to Promote Reciprocity among State Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Programs \(4/23/14\)](#)

The National Sea Grant Law Center and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is pleased to announce the release of our publication, Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species by Recreational Boats: Model Legislative Provisions & Guidance to Promote Reciprocity among State Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Programs (available at <http://nsglc.olemiss.edu/projects/model-legal-framework/index.html>). This guide is a product of the Building Consensus in the West, an initiative of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species. The goal of the WRP initiative is to develop a multi-state vision for watercraft inspection and decontamination (WID) programs.

[Saskatchewan boaters warned of invasive stowaways \(4/22/14\)](#)

The aquatic invasive species working group has a simple, critical message for Saskatchewan boaters: don't move a mussel. To protect the province's waters, boaters must thoroughly clean their boats and equipment when they travel, the group says.

[Flathead Basin Commission works to stop invasive species \(4/16/14\)](#)

PABLO — The Flathead Basin Commission is in the process of rolling out new tools meant to keep invasive species at bay. At an April 9 meeting, commission members reviewed plans for new video public service announcements and the deployment of scent detection dogs trained to sniff out specific invasive species in British Columbia and the Flathead Basin.

[Game and Fish program works to keep invasive species out of Wyoming waters \(4/17/14\)](#)

Last year, a boat bound for Wyoming waters stopped at a checkpoint for a mandatory inspection by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The boat had left Lake Mead in Nevada the day before, which is infested with trillions of quagga mussels, an invasive species that's crippling the lake's ecosystem. A few adult mussels had stowed away on the boat.

[Cachuma Lake, CA Given Maximum Protection from Invasive Species Santa Barbara County Extends Vessel Quarantine to 30 Days \(4/15/14\)](#)

The County of Santa Barbara Community Services Department Parks Division has received Board of Supervisor's approval to increase protection from aquatic invasive species at Cachuma Lake. Staff will be enforcing a 30 day vessel quarantine on all trailered vessels entering Cachuma Lake, which is an extension of the current 14 day quarantine period. A longer quarantine period provides additional protections against the invasive species.....

[California Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Fee in Effect](#)

Assembly Bill 2443 (Chapter 485, Statutes of 2012) authorized the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways to require the DMV to collect an additional Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Fee effective December 31, 2013, on all vessels subject to registration in the state. The fee is due upon initial vessel registration and biennially upon vessel registration renewal. Vessels used exclusively in marine waters are exempt from the additional fee. Fee-exempt vessels and CF Numbers issued to vessel dealers and manufacturers are exempt from the program. Funds from this additional fee will be used to, among other things, implement and administer non-native dreissenid mussel monitoring, inspection, and infestation prevention programs. Unless exempt from the program, a unique identifying sticker will be issued for the vessel as evidence of payment of this fee and must be attached to the vessel. The sticker allows the vessel to be operated in all waters of the state unless expressly prohibited. If your vessel is used exclusively in marine waters, you may claim an exemption from this fee by notifying the department. Additional information regarding Quagga and Zebra Mussels is available from the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways at www.dbw.ca.gov or by calling 1-888-326-2822. Frequently Asked Questions can be found [here](#)

[Nevada Video: AIS Prevention: How to Clean, Drain, and Dry Your Waders, Boats and Kayaks](#)

[Another new video from the Pacific Northwest made by the “The Boat Guy”](#)

Alien invasion! Run for your life! I’m serious, we are totally susceptible to an invasion by some truly awful creatures. Zebra mussels and Quagga mussels will, in a very short time, take over our water ways, irrigation and water systems, unless Pacific Northwest boaters take action. These creatures kill the native fisheries that we love and economically depend on.....

[Fishing, boating bans lifted on Lake Quinault, WA \(4/17/14\)](#)

In addition to removing the fishing bans, the business committee also approved a series of regulations on Lake Quinault recreation, which are aimed at preventing invasive species from entering the lake, according to a press release.

MARINE

[Battle over ballast water \(4/23/14\)](#)

New United States regulations on ballast water in the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes system discriminate against Canadian shippers, says Leeds-Grenville MP Gord Brown . The Conservative MP is getting some support on Capitol Hill in a campaign to reform the restrictions recently put in place by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

[Drakes Bay Oyster Company Seeks U.S. Supreme Court Review Of Its Lease At Point Reyes National Seashore \(4/14/14\)](#)

Owners of a decades-old oyster farming operation at Point Reyes National Seashore have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar erred in not renewing their lease. The request likely is the final step Drakes Bay Oyster Co. can take in its bid to continue growing oysters at the seashore's Drakes Estero. Previous bids before the U.S. District Court and 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals have been turned back by the judges.

[Researchers find steep decline in invasive Asian shore crab population \(4/11/14\)](#)

Delaware's native mud crabs were on the verge of being completely edged out by invasive Asian shore crabs 10 years ago. Today, new research shows that the tables have unexpectedly turned.

[Irish Minister confirms single biggest salmon-farm escape in history in Gearhries, Bantry Bay in Co Cork \(4/14/14\)](#)

The Minister for the Marine, Simon Coveney, has confirmed that 230,000 salmon are missing after storms significantly damaged a salmon farm in Gearhries, Bantry Bay, Co

Cork, on February 1st, 2014, making it Ireland's largest single salmon farm escape in history.

WEEDS

[Call for Citizen Science Invasive Species Volunteers: Join the effort to help locate and eradicate invasive plants from WA State!](#)

Training Locations and Dates for 2014:

Thursday, May 8th -- 1pm-3:30pm or 5:30pm -8pm at USDA Olympic National Forest, 1835 Black Lake Blvd SW, Olympia, WA

Friday, May 9th -- 1pm -3:30pm; or 5:30pm - 8 pm at USDA Gifford, Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682

Capacity is limited

For Further information go to http://www.pnw-ipc.org/docs/EDRR_Flyer_2014_Final.pdf

[BC: Delta is devising strategy to tame invasive species - Certain plants upset eco-system \(4/25/14\)](#)

Civic politicians approved the development of an invasive plant strategy last week. Invasive plants are defined as any non-native plant species that has the potential to have a detrimental effect on people, animals or eco-systems. These plants can end up in an area by accident, or be introduced on purpose, but without its natural predators, invasive plant species have the ability to quickly take root and alter the natural functions of an ecosystem.

FISH

[Great Lakes governors take aim at invasive species \(4/26/14\)](#)

CHICAGO -- The governors of eight states surrounding the Great Lakes and the leaders of two Canadian provinces have agreed at a meeting in Chicago to join forces to combat invasive species including Asian Carp.....

[Dreaded Asian carp may be on Lake Erie doorstep \(4/21/14\)](#)

ZANESVILLE, Ohio -- As it cuts a squiggly track through the southeast Ohio hill country, the Muskingum River might seem like an unlikely battlefield in the war to keep

Asian carp out of the Great Lakes, but the results of a recent study indicate these dreaded invaders could be present near there and pushing north toward a gateway to the Lake Erie watershed.

[Minnesota professor has plan to stop invasive carp using underwater speakers; needs money now \(4/24/14\)](#)

ST. PAUL, Minnesota — The carp invading Minnesota up the Mississippi River could be stopped — at least for several years. It would only cost \$60,000. So says the man with a plan — University of Minnesota researcher Peter Sorensen. The problem: He doesn't have the money.....

[As market grows, Jamaica reports big drop in sightings of invasive lionfish in coastal waters \(4/13/14\)](#)

Some four years after a campaign to hunt lionfish in coastal waters got started, Jamaica's National Environment and Planning Agency is reporting a 66 percent drop in sightings of the candy-striped predator in waters up to 75 feet.....

[The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has proposed several changes to combat the spread of lionfish \(4/22/14\)](#)

OTHER

[Nab the Aquatic Invader!](#)

.....is a fun way to learn about aquatic invaders. By using this site you can check out lots of unusual species that create real problems in the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, and Great Lakes regions. There are many ways that this site can help you with your class projects.....

[Insects Invade - U.S. Forest Service Makes Learning about Invasive Species Easy for Kids \(4/24/14\)](#)

The teacher's package includes 30 copies of a 12-page full color magazine called Insects Invade, a teacher's page that has two lesson plans, as well as a comment card for feedback. may purchase the Insects Invade teacher's package for \$4 per package, which includes shipping and handling. -

[Oregon Invasive Species: Hotline Highlights](#)

Fifteen years ago when the Oregon **Invasive Species** Council was just an idea, the founders saw a need to create an easy way for people to report ...

JOBS

[Research Opportunity Description: Understanding Geospatial Distributions of Invasive Species and Their Impacts on Ecosystem Services](#)

A postgraduate/postdoctoral research project training opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development (ORD), National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL). This appointment will be served in the Ecological Exposure Research Division (EERD) in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. [Note: There's no formal deadline for these ORISE opportunities. But if you are interested you need to act soon and contact -- John Darling (darling.john@epa.gov).]

LEGISLATION/FEDERAL ACTIONS/BUDGET

[USDA Proposes Adjustments to Agricultural Quarantine Inspection \(AQI\) Program User Fees \(4/22/14\)](#)

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is announcing proposed changes to the fees it charges to recoup the costs of conducting agricultural quarantine inspections (AQI) at U.S. ports of entry. The adjustments APHIS proposes, the first changes to AQI user fees in nearly a decade, will ensure that the AQI program will have the financial stability it needs to continue the critical work of keeping U.S. agriculture safe and productive

MEETINGS

MAY

1. [ANSTF](#) – The next meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force is scheduled for May 7-8, 2014 in Arlington, VA
2. The next Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 through Thursday, May 15, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia. More info [here](#).
3. The next meeting of Columbia River Basin Team of the 100th Meridian Initiative will be held May 13-14 in Spokane, Washington. Contact sphillips@psmfc.org for further information.

4. Watercraft Inspection Training – Idaho: The next training is scheduled for Dover, ID on **May 21st**. Contact Tom Woolf, Aquatic Program Manager, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, @ Thomas.Woolf@agri.idaho.gov), 208-608-3404.

5. Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting: The inaugural Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting (JASM) to be held in Portland, Oregon, **18-23 May 2014** at the Oregon Convention Center. It includes several AIS sessions. See <http://sgmeet.com/jasm2014/>

JULY

1. The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit will be held July 20 – 24, 2014 at the Whistler Fairmont Chateau in Whistler, B.C. PNWER's invasive species working group will meet July 23rd, 9:45am - 5:00pm. For further information go [here](#). For additional information on the invasive species session contact Megan Levy @ megan.levy@pnwer.org

SEPTEMBER

1. [Meeting the Challenge: Preventing, Detecting, and Controlling Invasive Plants September 16-17, 2014, University](#) of Washington Botanic Gardens, Seattle, WA. **ABSTRACTS DUE 4/28.**

OCTOBER

The Alaska Chapter of the American Fisheries Society will be meeting in Juneau, Oct. 20-24. An invasive species session is being planned....stay tuned.

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