



# Aquatic Invasive Species News

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## RECOMMENDED READING:

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[Horizon Scan Names Crab-Eating Monkey One of Florida's Greatest Threats To Ecosystems, Human Health \(12/18/23\)](#)

A first-of-its-kind study for North America accumulated a list of potential invasive species for the state of Florida, with 40 species determined to pose the greatest threat to residents' well-being. One species received the highest possible ranking for likelihood of invasion and threat to human health: the crab-eating macaque monkey. A team of experts, led by Penn State scientist Deah Lieurance, evaluated terrestrial, aquatic and marine species with characteristics making them particularly adept at invasion, totaling 460 vertebrates, invertebrates, algae and plants. The study was published on Dec. 14 in the journal [Ecosphere](#).

Bonus content: [video of crab-eating macaque](#)

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## PUBLIC COMMENT

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On 12/26/23 the USFWS posted the *Draft Revised National European Green Crab Management and Control Plan* to the *Federal Register* <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-12-26/pdf/2023-28361.pdf> ...and for reference the draft plan can be found here: <https://www.fws.gov/media/management-plan-european-green-crab> .Written comments should be received on or before **February 9, 2024**

The National European Green Crab (EGC) Management and Control Plan was developed by a multi-agency European Green Crab Working Group for implementation by the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force following final approval. The purpose of the EGC Management Plan is to

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guide local, state, and federal agencies, Tribal communities, and other stakeholders in detecting EGC in the earliest stages of invasion, responding rapidly to new detections to determine extent of invasion, and implementing immediate containment or eradication actions. The overall objective is to minimize the likelihood of further spread and establishment in other locations, and reduce the impacts in areas where EGC are already established. This plan aims to serve as the baseline for the development and implementation of, as well as the integration with, regional plans such as the Salish Sea Transboundary Action Plan for Invasive European Green Crab and the Early Detection and Rapid Response Plan for Invasive European Green Crab (*Carcinus maenas*) in Alaska 2023–2028” (previously known as the “Alaska Action Plan for Invasive European Green Crab”).

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## NEW SPECIES & SIGHTINGS

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Want to get more new species alerts?

USGS NAS: <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/AlertSystem/default.aspx>

IMAP INVASIVES: <https://www.imapinvasives.org>

Dreissenids:

[Texas] *Dreissena polymorpha* (zebra mussel) was found in International Amistad Reservoir, Diablo East, TX [[USGS NAS](#)]

Other:

[California] *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus* (Pond Loach) was found in Guadalupe River, under 87 North bridge [[USGS NAS](#)]

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## WATCH LIST

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- Alaska: Report your sightings via the [ADF&G Invasive Species Reporter](#) or by calling the Invasive Species Hotline: 877-INVASIV (877-468-2748). If you locate invasive green crab on Annette Islands Reserve, you can call 907-886-FISH to make a report.

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- British Columbia: Take a photo, put it back where you found it, and email the information about where you saw it and when to: [AISPACIoFIC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:AISPACIoFIC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)
- Washington: Take a photo, put it back where you found it, and report suspect crabs here <http://wdfw.wa.gov/greencrab>
- Oregon: Retain green crab caught in your gear - it is illegal to return them to state waters. They are part of your “Other Shellfish” daily catch limit. Try them as food with the rest of your catch. Do not mutilate or kill any crab while you are crabbing.

[5 invasive pests to look out for in WA and how to report sightings](#)

[Destructive forest pest, the emerald ash borer, arrives in Oregon; public asked to report sightings](#)  
[Cover your ash: Keep an eye out for the emerald ash borer in Washington](#)

[Invasive oak borer beetle worries Oregon forestry officials](#)

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## DREISSENID MUSSELS

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[Portion of the Snake River reopens after treatment for invasive quagga mussels \(12/19/23\)](#)

Another portion of the Snake River has been reopened following treatment for invasive quagga mussels earlier this year.

[Invasive Species Corp. & the USGS Sign Cooperative R&D Agreement for Biological Technology to Control Invasive Mussels \(12/19/23\)](#) The USGS is happy to collaborate with ISC to further develop Zequanox. We are pleased to help this product become easier and less expensive to use and increase its ability to restore native habitats.”

[Chemical treatment at Colorado’s Highline 'definitely impacted mussels' \(12/30/23\)](#) A second round of chemical treatment at Highline Lake this year appears to have had a little better effect in killing off invasive zebra mussels there than was the case with an initial treatment earlier in the year.

[No sign of invasive mussels in Okanagan valley lakes \(1/5/24\)](#) A sigh of relief from authorities and local governments after another year of sampling suggests the Okanagan’s lakes remain free of invasive mussels.

[BC Wildlife Federation sounds alarm as invasive mussel prevention funding vanishes \(1/8/24\)](#) Funding to stop the spread of invasive mussels and parasites to B.C. has dried up, according to the BC Wildlife Federation. The nonprofit said Monday in a news release it is “deeply concerned” that the federal government, BC Hydro and FortisBC are “failing in their duty to protect our fish.”

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## BOAT INSPECTION/DECON

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[Wyoming AIS watercraft check stations break records for high-risk inspections, decontaminations and mussel boats in 2023 \(12/18/23\)](#) Over the inspection season, Wyoming Game and Fish Department staff at watercraft check stations inspected more than 73,000 boats across the state to protect the state's waters from invasive aquatic plants and animals. Game and Fish personnel decontaminated 1,154 watercraft and 64 of those contained mussels — both the highest since the AIS program was established in 2010 by the Wyoming State Legislature.

[Invasive quagga mussels found on boat at Ashland, Oregon inspection station \(1/8/24\)](#) ODFW staff at the Ashland Boat Inspection Station found quagga mussels on a pontoon boat that was being transported from Lake Mead, Nev., into Oregon on Jan. 4. This was the first instance in 2024 where crews have found quagga mussels. The watercraft was decontaminated at the inspection station.

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## BALLAST WATER/BIOFOULING

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[Transport Canada funds innovative research to prevent spread of invasive species in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River \(12/20/23\)](#) Today, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced investments of up to \$10.9 million for four projects through the Oceans Protection Plan (OPP) to improve ballast water management systems in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River region to combat aquatic invasive species.

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## MARINE

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[Texas Parks and Wildlife looking for divers for 3 summer expeditions \(12/23/23\)](#) Texas Parks and Wildlife is looking for divers to take part in three diving trips to hunt invasive lionfish this upcoming summer.

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## GREEN (5-SPINED) CRAB

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[Invasive European green crabs threaten Northwest shellfish industries \(1/4/24\)](#) On a summer day in 2022, a team of researchers from Portland State University made their way upriver from chilly, salty Siletz Bay, near Lincoln City, to the fresher, warmer waters of the Siletz River.

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## AQUACULTURE

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[Nordic Aquafarms Celebrates Coastal Commission Denial of Five Appeals to Samoa Fish Farm \(12/19/23\)](#) Last week the California Coastal Commission unanimously denied five separate appeals challenging permit approvals for Nordic Aquafarms' big onshore recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) planned for the Samoa Peninsula.

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## FRESHWATER

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## FISH

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[Invasive carp abound in the Mississippi River, but state and federal partners work to slow them down \(12/21/23\)](#) For more than two decades, federal and state agencies have been trying to prevent Asian carp from taking hold in the Great Lakes. Part of the prevention is limiting the spread of carp in the Mississippi River Basin, which stretches from northern Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico.

[Maryland Pursuing Actions to Control Invasive Catfish after Federal Fisheries Disaster Declined \(1/4/24\)](#) Last month, the U.S. Department of Commerce notified Maryland Gov. Wes Moore that it has declined Maryland's request for a federal commercial fisheries disaster declaration that was sought to help address the economic and ecological damage caused by the spread of invasive catfish and snakeheads in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Related: [Federal Government Denies Maryland Request for Blue Catfish Disaster Declaration](#)

[How Utah wildlife officials are responding to invasive fish species discovery \(1/7/24\)](#) Last month, an angler caught a scaly surprise at Strawberry Reservoir. And while it might not look

like much, that walleye — also known as a yellow pike — has the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources sounding the alarm.

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## AQUATIC PLANTS

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

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## OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

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## OTHER

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[Invasive Blue Land Crabs Reported Along South Atlantic Coast: Coastal Georgia Residents Encouraged to Be Watchful \(12/20/23\)](#) Blue land crabs are native from Brazil to south Florida and can be as large as 5-6 inches. Sightings recently have been reported well north of the crabs' native range, including the coasts of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. Multiple reports have been made to Georgia WRD offices.

“While we are uncertain about the potential ecological and economic risks these crabs pose, we are currently concerned about damage caused by their extensive burrowing,” said Jim Page, WRD Aquatic Nuisance Species Program manager. “As a new non-native species in our state, we need more information about these crabs and are asking for the public’s help.”

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## JOBS/GRANTS

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New:

- *The Office of Personnel Management launched a [new portal](#) as part of USAJOBS for students interested in applying for internships at federal agencies, billed as a “one-stop shop” for those interested in exploring a career in government.*
- *Are you ready to make a contribution to fisheries of the West Coast? Begin your job search and application process by searching for [specific jobs at PSMFC](#)*

### Jobs

#### [Tualatin SWCD’s Invasive Species Program is hiring a Full Time Invasive Species Technician! Invasive Species Technician \(1\) - Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, Oregon](#)

The Technician will collaborate with program partners to implement invasive species eradication efforts throughout Washington County in support of Tualatin SWCD’s conservation objectives. Major duties include identification and treatment of invasive species, revegetation, data collection, herbicide application, and coordination with contractors and property owners. **The deadline to apply is Friday, January 19th.**

#### [Aquatic Invasive Species \(AIS\) Interdiction Specialist - \(Wildlife Biologist II\), Kane County UTAH Department of Natural Resources](#)

Are you seeking an exciting opportunity to work for the Division of Wildlife Resources protecting Utah's waters? If so, this may be the job for you! The successful applicant will implement the Utah Division of Wildlife Resource's (UDWR) Quagga Mussel Action Plan within an assigned region to keep quagga and zebra mussels from becoming established in Utah and containing existing aquatic invasive species to locations where they have become established within Utah. The primary focus of the action plan involves outreach and interdiction efforts to identify suspect boats and other water-related recreational equipment contaminated with aquatic invasive species including decontamination of that equipment. The incumbent will be the lead biologist tasked with coordinating and implementing all duties related to the Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Program in the region. They will work with and supervise the activities of multiple, seasonal Wildlife Technicians assigned to the project, including coordination with Law Enforcement (Conservation & Parks officers) and other biologists.

**Closing Date**

**1/18/2024 11:59 PM Mountain**

Invasive Species Program Support Specialist

Sheridan County Weed and Pest (County) | <https://www.scweeds.com/>

Posting: <https://www.scweeds.com/program-support-specialist>

Application Deadline: **04/01/2024**

Location: Sheridan, WY 82801, USA

Description

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Sheridan County Weed and Pest (SCWP) is seeking an enthusiastic and driven invasive species program support specialist to assist the district in implementation of district programs in accordance with local, state, and federal guidelines.

The Invasive Species Program Support Specialist will participate in the following district programs: mosquito mitigation, grasshopper mitigation, leafy spurge biocontrol, weed-free hay certification, and right-of-way weed control. The successful applicant, under the direction of the district supervisor, shall assist with collection and identification of weed and insect specimens, testing of mosquitoes for presence of West Nile virus, distribution and monitoring of leafy spurge beetles, equipment maintenance and repair, public interaction and education, and more. Other duties include, but are not limited to, reports, grant applications, and data compilation. Duties will be highly variable depending on season and need. Most field activities occur during the summer and mid-winter, and office duties in the autumn and spring. Specific training in invasive species programs will be provided by SCWP.

Wyoming Game & Fish Department Multiple openings:

- 2 [Biologist Technician Fisheries-Jackson](#) These seasonal positions will assist the regional fisheries management crew with all aspects of aquatic resource management activities. Positions will be based in Jackson, Wyoming.
- 26 [Seasonal Biologist Technician Fisheries-Statewide](#) These seasonal positions will assist fisheries management crews with all aspects of aquatic resource management activities. Positions will be based out of Casper, Cody, Green River, Lander, Laramie, Pinedale, and Sheridan, Wyoming.
- 3 [Aquatic Invasive Species \(AIS\) Specialist-Statewide](#) These regional positions implement the AIS program to protect the state's aquatic resources and infrastructure from the introduction of AIS.

## Grants

### [Rapid Response Fund for Aquatic Invasive Species](#)

Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service

This Notice of Funding Opportunity requests proposals for projects that support efforts to plan a response or deploy response measures to a new detection of a potentially invasive species. Response efforts must target an aquatic invasive species, defined as non-native plants or animals that reside in fresh, wetland, estuarine, or marine waters.

This Notice of Funding Opportunity will remain open until July 15, 2024, or until the Rapid Response Fund is depleted. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis; submitted proposals will be evaluated on a quarterly basis: Proposals submitted from **November 15 - January 15** will be evaluated with an anticipated award date of March 1. Proposals submitted from **January 16 - April 15** will be evaluated with an anticipated award date of June 1. Proposals submitted from **April 16 - July 15** will be evaluated with an anticipated award date of September 1. All proposals submitted for the Rapid Respond fund will be evaluated using the merit criteria

DOI- Department of the Interior- Bureau of Land Management  
IJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management Alaska Aquatic Resource Management Synopsis 1:

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Funding Opportunity Goals 1. Ensuring water availability to sustain healthy riparian and wetland areas and aquatic habitats. 2. Restoring degraded water resources, riparian and wetland areas, and aquatic habitats, with a focus on process-based approaches and promoting riverscape health. 3. Advancing decision support models, and the inventory, assessment, and monitoring information that feeds such models, to inform the protection of remaining high quality habitats and the strategic restoration of degraded systems. **Open Round 1: December 7, 2023 through February 5, 2024 Round 2: February 6, 2024 through March 8, 2024**

DOI - Department of the Interior- Bureau of Land Management  
[IJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management Alaska Invasive and Noxious Plant Management Program Synopsis 2](#): Funding Opportunity Goals 1. Prevention, detection, and eradication of noxious weeds and invasive plant species. 2. Development of outreach materials to engage the public in the detection of and to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants species. 3. Development of methods or modeling to increase the detection and mapping of noxious weeds and invasive plant species. **Open from October 2, 2023, through January 2, 2024**

Grant Opportunity: NOAA-NOS-NCCOS-2024-2008101  
[Social, Cultural and Economic Assessment of Harmful Algal Blooms](#)  
Department of Commerce **Current Closing Date for Applications: Jan 17, 2024**

#### [R23AS00106 WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects for Fiscal Year 2023](#)

Department of the Interior - Bureau of Reclamation

**Second application period due: January 24, 2024,**

The objective of the AERP NOFO is to invite eligible applicants (Section C.1. Eligible Applicants) to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on the study, design and construction of aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that are collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and are for the purpose of improving of the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration and improved fish passage. As used here, “aquatic ecosystem” refers to freshwater and brackish water habitats such as lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, wetlands, swamps, and estuaries and the adjacent floodplains, riparian corridors, deltas, and shallow aquifers that interact with surface water. Projects that affect water resources management in two or more river basins, provide regional benefits not limited to fisheries restoration, and that are a component of a larger strategy to replace aging facilities are prioritized under this program.

#### [FY24 IJA/IRA Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington \(ORWA\) Youth Conservation Corps Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management](#)

**Closes: Feb 21, 2024**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon/Washington (ORWA) offices have collaborated with Qualified Youth and Conservation Corps, as authorized by the Public Lands Corps Act (PLC), to accomplish conservation projects for numerous years. This program’s projects provide employment for participants and opportunities to learn about and gain work experience in public lands and natural resources management while promoting long-term interest in public lands stewardship and the BLM. The BLM Youth Program assists the BLM with diversifying the workforce while exposing participants to complex cultural and natural resource

issues. This program supports the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Public Law 117-58, Sec. 40804(b) Ecosystem Restoration and Section 40803 Wildfire Risk Reduction. This program supports projects funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Sections 50221 Resilience, 50222 Ecosystems Restoration and 50303 DOI.

Projects include Habitat restoration and wildlife protection, including reduction of invasive species, tree planting, fence removal/installation, riparian area restoration, etc.

NOAA-NOS-ORR-2024-2007993

[FY24 NOAA Marine Debris Removal under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#)

Department of Commerce **Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 23, 2024**

[2025 John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship Program](#)

**Apply by February 15, 2024**

The Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational experience to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources.

The program, which is sponsored by NOAA's National Sea Grant College Program, matches highly qualified graduate students with hosts in legislative and executive offices in the Washington, D.C., area. The fellowship is paid and lasts one year. Past fellows have developed successful careers in a variety of sectors, including government, academia, consulting, private companies and nonprofit.\

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, on behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, is soliciting proposals for interagency agreement funding to support response to the ongoing [European green crab emergency](#). Please visit

<https://rco.wa.gov/about-us/employment-and-contracts/> for more information about the available funding for public agencies. **(Rolling deadline until funds fully allocated)**

For more information on European green crab and the state response, please visit

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/carcinus-maenas>

and <https://wdfw.wa.gov/news/emergency-measures-deployed-control-invasive-european-green-crabs-washington-waters>

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## Federal: Executive

## Federal: Congressional

### [Hearing: Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2024: Members' Day Hearing \(1/11/24\)](#)

Washington, D.C. – Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Chairman David Rouzer (R-NC) announced that the Subcommittee will hold a Member Day hearing on the *Water Resources Development Act of 2024*. At the hearing, Members of the House of Representatives will have the opportunity to testify before the Subcommittee on their priorities related to the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The hearing, entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2024: Members’ Day Hearing,” will take place at **10:00 a.m. ET on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building**.

More information about the hearing, including a witness list, submitted testimony, and a link to the live webcast, will be posted [here](#) as it becomes available.

For more information about WRDA 2024, click [here](#).

## Federal: Appropriations

### [Speaker Johnson faces conservative unrest over funding deal \(1/9/24\)](#)

Johnson has a razor-thin House GOP majority and a tight deadline; the government will partially shut down if funding legislation isn’t signed into law by Jan. 19, while the Pentagon and other agencies would shut down after Feb. 2 without a deal.

### [Lawmakers mull short-term patch as funding plan slowly advances \(1/8/24\)](#)

...there’s a growing sense inside the Capitol that another funding patch will be needed to buy more time for a broader government funding bargain — even though Johnson has vowed no more short-term funding extensions.

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## Archived Events:

Streaming available – [Oregon Green Crab Invasion \(OPB\) Oregon Field Guide](#)

## Ongoing Training Opportunities:

Watercraft Inspection Training

Virtual: \*\*\*\* 2024 Schedule Now Available\*\*\*\*

- Virtual WIT or Level 1 – Inspector Training (2 days - 8 am – Noon PST)  
<https://www.westernais.org/level-1-inspector-training>

[February 7 - 8, 2024](#)

[March 5 - 6, 2024](#)

[April 2 - 3, 2024](#)

[April 16 - 17, 2024](#)

[April 23 – 24, 2024](#)

- WIT or Level 2 – Inspector & Decon Training (3 days – 8 am – Noon PST)  
<https://www.westernais.org/level-2>

[February 7 - 9, 2024](#)

[March 5 - 7, 2024](#)

[April 2 - 4, 2024](#)

[April 16 - 18, 2024](#)

[April 23- 25, 2024](#)

- WIT or Level 3 – Trainer Training (3 days- 9 am – 4pm PST)  
<https://www.westernais.org/le>

[January 30 – February 1, 2024](#)

[February 20 – 22, 2024](#)

[March 12 - 14, 2024](#)

[DOI Invasive Species Training Opportunities Spreadsheet](#)

[PNW IPC Citizen Science Trainings](#)

[InvasivesU – NAISMA](#) - InvasivesU is NAISMA’s exclusive online learning library intended to provide professionals, students, and interested individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to prevent and manage invasive species in North America. NAISMA experts have thoughtfully curated and developed this content, especially for you!

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## Calendar of Events

**2024**

**January**

2024 [32nd USDA Interagency Research Forum on Invasive Species](#) Jan 09, 2024 - Jan 12, 2024  
Annapolis, Maryland

NAISMA: January 17, 2024 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST [Webinar: Protecting Threatened and Endangered Species from Pesticides](#)

**ANSTF Meeting January 24- 25 In-Person Participation**  
[Meeting Dates and Location](#)

The next ANSTF meeting will be held January 24 -25, 2024.

In-Person Participation: The meeting will be held in the USGS National Center (see info below)

Remote Participation: A web and/or audio option will also be offered for remote participation.

The web link and phone number to join will be sent to the email address used to register for the meeting no later than January 19th.

LINK TO REGISTER: <https://forms.office.com/g/Ahpu8hkx1i>

[International Invasive Species and Climate Change](#) Conference ([RISCC](#) and NAISMA (virtual conference). January 30, 2024 @ 11:00 am – January 31, 2024 @ 3:45 pm CST

Please join us for the INAUGURAL International Invasive Species and Climate Change Conference (IISCCC) organized by the Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change (RISCC) Management Network on January 30 and 31, 2024. This conference is VIRTUAL allowing for more international attendance while reducing our carbon footprint.

**February**

[INVASIVES 2024 Annual Forum & AGM](#), February 26th – 29th, 2024, Anvil Centre, New Westminster, BC! This large-scale in-person event is oriented towards educating and connecting stewardship groups, natural resource professionals, governments, Indigenous communities, youth, and the broader public – all coming together for big conversations around invasive species and their impact. We'll be sharing the latest best practices, cutting-edge research, and updates on government initiatives.

February 26, 2024 - March 1, 2024 National Invasive Species Awareness Week

Communicating about invasive species can get complicated! On February 27-28, in partnership with NAISMA for National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Sea Grant is proud to present The Invasive Species Language Workshop, bringing together invasive species researchers and science communication professionals to share best practices for communicating about biological invasions to scientists, stakeholders, and the public.

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Day 1 (February 27) will feature a webinar on communications issues in invasion biology, including inclusive language, effective use of metaphor, changes to species names, and more. These hybrid presentations will be available to watch online for free, and virtual attendees will be able to send in questions for discussion. Register for the webinar [here](#) or at the link below.

- <https://naisma.org/event/nisaw-webinar-the-invasive-species-language-workshop/2024-02-27/>

Day 2 (February 28), held in-person in Washington, DC, will feature in-depth discussion to develop research topics and interventions to improve communication strategies in invasion biology, including the process for changing species names, harmonizing communications strategies across agencies and research groups, tailoring messaging to different stakeholder groups, and more. Attendance for this portion is limited: reach out to Tim Campbell ([tim.campbell@wisc.edu](mailto:tim.campbell@wisc.edu)) if interested in participating in person.

### March

NAISMA Webinar: March 11, 2024 @ 8:00 am - March 14, 2024 @ 5:00 pm CDT  
[2024 National Forum on Biological Control](#)

[March 21, 2024 Oregon Invasive Species Council Meeting, Salem OR](#)

### May

The [23rd International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species](#) will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, from May 12 – 16, 2024. The conference theme is ‘Meeting Challenges with Innovation’. The International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species addresses emerging freshwater, marine and estuarine AIS issues by involving scientists, policymakers, practitioners, and industry professionals in the presentation of research, and opportunities for collaboration on research and management projects. Stay tuned for more details.

### June

June 1 – June 8: PlayCleanGo Awareness Week

### September

September 30, 2024 @ 8:00 am - October 3, 2024 @ 5:00 pm CDT  
[North American Invasive Species Management Association 32nd Annual Conference](#)

### December

December 5, 2024 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm CST [NAISMA Annual Biocontrol Summit](#)

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