



Aquatic Invasive Species News

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RECOMMENDED READING

[Spokane Inspectors Thwart Invasive Mussel Threat to Washington Waters With Record Tugboat Interception \(1/22/25\)](#)

Two tugboats harboring invasive mussels were snagged by vigilant staffers at the Spokane watercraft inspection station early this month, preventing potentially severe ecological and economic consequences for Washington State. As reported by WDFW, these watercraft, one significantly fouled with these aquatic hitchhikers, were en route to a Washington marina from their last port of call in Lake Michigan, a region already blighted by the presence of quagga and zebra mussels since their detection in the 1980s.

At the Spokane station, a staggering 21 gallons of the invasive mussels were stripped from the more heavily infested tugboat—marking the largest haul of such unwelcome stowaways from a single vessel in seven years. The other tugboat, though less encrusted, was similarly cleansed of its unwanted cargo. "Invasive mussel introduction and establishment is an imminent threat to our state," Justin Bush, WDFW's aquatic invasive species division manager, emphasized in a statement made by WDFW. The rapid reproductive cycle of these mussels underscores their potential as a pervasive and costly invader.

[\[read more\]](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Two Freshwater Mussel Genera and One Crayfish Species](#)

A Proposed Rule by the Fish and Wildlife Service on 01/10/2025

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Public Comment Closes: 3/11/25

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to add all species of freshwater mussels from two genera, Asian pond mussels (*Sinanodonta* species) and golden mussels (*Limnoperna* species), to the list of injurious mollusks. Additionally, the Service proposes to add marbled crayfish (*Procambarus virginalis*) to the list of injurious crustaceans. Listing these taxa as injurious will prohibit the importation of any live animal, larvae, viable egg, or hybrid of these taxa into the United States, except as specifically authorized. These listings would also prohibit shipment of any live animal, larvae, viable egg, or hybrid of these species between the continental United States, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States, except as specifically authorized. The action is necessary to protect wildlife and wildlife resources by preventing the introduction and subsequent establishment of these foreign aquatic invertebrates into ecosystems of the United States.

A 60-day public comment period on the proposed rule to list the three taxa genera of invertebrates opens January 10, 2025, and closes March 11, 2025. Information on the rule, associated documents and how to submit comments can be found at www.federalregister.gov by searching for docket number FWS-HQ-FAC-2024-0060. Comments received during this time will be evaluated for possible inclusion in a future final rule.

Related:

[Injurious designation aims to protect aquatic environments from invasive invertebrates](#)

[NOAA advances efforts to identify Aquaculture Opportunity Areas \(11/15/24\)](#)

Today, NOAA Fisheries released two draft programmatic environmental impact statements (PEIS) to support the identification of proposed Aquaculture Opportunity Areas (AOAs) in Southern California and the Gulf of Mexico. The public is invited to review and submit comments on the draft statements from November 22, 2024, through **February 20, 2025**.

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Both draft PEIS are open for public comment via the Federal Register from November 22, 2024, through February 20, 2025. Virtual public listening sessions will be held for both Southern California and the Gulf of Mexico, where the public is welcome to provide comments. Comments received will be assessed and considered by NOAA Fisheries to prepare Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements for both regions.

[More information on the draft PEIS for Southern California and the Gulf of Mexico is available on the NOAA website.](#)

NEW SPECIES & SIGHTINGS

Want to get more new species alerts?

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

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

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Mussels:

[California] *Xenostrobus securis* (axe-head mussel) was found in Los Angeles County: Dominguez Channel at S. Wilmington Ave. [[USGS NAS](#)]

[Iowa] *Dreissena polymorpha* (zebra mussel) was found Polk County: Saylorville Marina, Saylorville Lake, IA [[USGS NAS](#)]

[North Dakota] *Dreissena polymorpha* (zebra mussel) was found in Steele County: South Golden Lake, ND [[USGS NAS](#)]

Other:

[California] *Myocastor coypus* (nutria) was found in Contra Costa County: San Joaquin Delta - Dutch Slough south of Sherman Island [[USGS NAS](#)]

WATCH LIST

Green Crab:

- 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.
- 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
- 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

Walleye

- Idaho: Anyone who catches a walleye in rivers is asked to kill it, take a photo and contact Idaho Fish and Game Biologist Marika Dobos at the Lewiston Regional Office by email at marika.dobos@idfg.idaho.gov, or call (208) 750-4228.

DREISSENIID MUSSELS

[Keep Up with the Idaho Quagga Mussel Response @ ISDA](#)

[Wisconsin DNR: Take Action to Protect Our Waters From Aquatic Invasive Species This Winter \(1/15/25\)](#) Even in harsh winter conditions, anglers can transport aquatic invasive species and fish diseases from one lake or river to another by emptying water from bait buckets and fish containers. When we add lake or river water to these containers, diseases such as viral hemorrhagic septicemia or critters like tiny spiny water fleas and zebra mussel larvae may be along for the ride.

[Alberta releases aquatic Invasive Species Task Force recommendations \(1/22/25\)](#) The Provincial Alberta Invasive Species Task Force has recommended seven measures to combat the spread of aquatic invasive species, putting particular emphasis on reducing the spread of invasive mussels.

[No invasive mussels detected in Sask. waters in 2024: Environment ministry \(1/27/25\)](#) According to the provincial environment ministry, tests of more than 450 samples taken from bodies of water across the province last year showed no signs of either species of mussel. No spiny waterfleas – another invasive species – were detected either.

[Parks Canada says it's not feasible to eradicate zebra mussels from Clear Lake \(1/28/25\)](#) Determination made following input from scientists, Indigenous advisers

[Zebra mussels could cause problems for Manitoba Hydro \(1/31/25\)](#). Hydro is concerned the mussels could get into the pipes, equipment, and other infrastructure.

[Malheur County, Oregon gets grant to alert public about invasive mussels \(1/30/25\)](#) Malheur County is upping its efforts to keep the invasive and troublesome quagga mussel out, winning a \$20,000 state grant to do so.

Cianci-Gaskill, J.A., Thorpe, A.P., Jones, J.R. et al. Low densities and little change in water clarity characterize zebra mussel invasions near the southern extent of their range. *Biol Invasions* 27, 38 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03487-z>

GOLDEN MUSSELS

[New: WDFW Golden Mussel Risk Screening Summary \(12/2024\)](#)

[Protecting Our Reservoirs From an Invasive Mollusk \(1/24/25\)](#) The presence of golden mussels does not pose a public health and safety risk. But similar to quagga and zebra mussels, they are a significant threat to California's native species, ecosystems, and water infrastructure by clogging water intakes and pipes.

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[Northern California Anglers Need to Be Aware of Golden Mussel-Related Restrictions Before Hitting Local Lakes \(1/28/25\)](#) Since the golden mussel was discovered on October 24 at Rough and Ready Island, west of the Port of Stockton and further downstream at a location known as Turner Cut, northern California lake operators have taken a distinctly different path toward prevention. Some lakes closed to all launching such as Camanche and Woodward, some lakes have adopted a decontamination system coupled with a period of quarantine such as Berryessa, some have relied strictly on a 30-day quarantine like New Melones, some have inspections with a permit in place, and some rely on self-inspection.

BOAT INSPECTION/DECON

BALLAST WATER/BIOFOULING

MARINE

[JFK Passenger Found with Invasive Mitten Crabs, Untagged Blood Clams \(1/20/25\)](#) U.S. Customs Officers at John F. Kennedy Airport alleged a passenger was found "illegally importing" 38 invasive mitten crabs and 750 untagged blood clams.

GREEN (5-SPINED) CRAB

AQUACULTURE

[Fish farms ban on state-owned aquatic lands goes into effect \(1/15/25\)](#) Net-pen aquaculture, or fish farming, officially ended in Washington state on Jan. 7, when the state Board of Natural Resources ratified the agency's 2022 plan to ban commercial net-pen aquaculture on state-owned aquatic lands.

Related: [NWAA Statement: Commercial Fish Farm Ban in Washington State Not Supported by Science \(1/16/25\)](#)

[Commentary - Farmed salmon: A climate resilient solution for feeding the future \(1/20/25\)](#) With lower land and freshwater use and fewer emissions compared with most terrestrial proteins, farmed salmon stands out as one of the most eco-efficient animal-based proteins available.

[Aquaculture: First Nations Seek Stronger Government-to-Government Relations \(1/25/25\)](#) Salmon-farming First Nations are urging B.C. Premier David Eby to strengthen government-to-government relations, ensuring their leadership shapes the future of aquaculture within their traditional territories.

[Aquaculture: Turning the Tide on Trump's Tariff Threats \(1/25/25\)](#) By incentivizing seafood farmers instead of sidelining them, Canada could unlock its vast aquaculture potential, reduce U.S. dependency, and tap into new global markets.

[US Department of Energy pledges USD 25 million to advance seaweed production \(1/18/25\)](#) On 15 January, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced it would invest USD 25 million (EUR 23.8 million) into the U.S. aquaculture industry's production of deep-ocean seaweed.

FRESHWATER

[Vampire of the Great Lakes: Sea Lamprey surge threatens fisheries \(1/15/25\)](#) The Great Lakes Fishery Commission has reported a sharp increase in sea lamprey populations across all five lakes, a direct consequence of paused control measures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though efforts have resumed, experts warn it will take time to reverse the surge.

FISH

[Beshear highlights efforts to combat invasive Asian carp \(1/14/25\)](#) During a visit to west Kentucky on Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear stopped in Wickliffe, Kentucky, to celebrate the

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opening of a new company aiming to help solve the ongoing problem of invasive Asian carp in local waterways.

Jan, A., Arismendi, I. and Giannico, G. (2025), Double Trouble for Native Species Under Climate Change: Habitat Loss and Increased Environmental Overlap With Non-Native Species. *Glob Change Biol*, 31: e70040. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.70040>

AQUATIC PLANTS

Razlutskiy, V., Mei, X., Tang, Y. et al. Comparison of the impact of native and invasive omnivorous fish on plankton and benthic algae communities, water quality, and submerged macrophytes. *Biol Invasions* 27, 41 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03464-6> [\$]

CLIMATE CHANGE

[Young Salmon May Face Hungry New Competition from Juvenile Sablefish along Northwest Coast \(1/7/25\)](#) Over the last two decades large numbers of juvenile sablefish have increasingly spread into coastal waters from central Oregon north to northern Washington. [New research](#) published in the journal *Marine and Coastal Fisheries* shows the influx follows the warming of ocean temperatures off the West Coast...The finding means that salmon may face new competition from sablefish at a critical time in their life cycle, which is already at risk from climate change.

Kumschick, S., Journiac, L., Boulesnane-Genguant, O. et al. Mapping potential environmental impacts of alien species in the face of climate change. *Biol Invasions* 27, 43 (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10530-024-03490-4>

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

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[The 'potentially catastrophic' invasive species stowing away to Hawaii \(1/19/25\)](#) Hawaii is seeing an uptick in the number of opossums stowing away to the Islands. The animals are non-native to the Islands and illegal, and if not caught, they could cause devastating impacts to the state and its endangered species.

[How Invasive Plants Are Fueling California's Wildfire Crisis \(1/21/25\)](#) Non-native grasses and eucalyptus trees were brought to California centuries ago for agriculture and landscaping, but they've changed the state's natural fire dynamics.

JOBS/GRANTS

Resources:

- *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 on the West Coast? Begin your job search and application process by searching for [specific jobs at PSMFC](#)*

Jobs

[Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Full-Time Aquatic Plant Management Specialist: St. Paul](#) The Natural Resource Fisheries Specialist will perform professional level work in managing fisheries resources in the southern portion of Region 3. The Department's Aquatic Plant Management (APM) program aims to balance native plant conservation with the desires of lakeshore residents to gain access to lakes for recreation. State law establishes what property owners can do to control aquatic plants. DNR fisheries APM staff administer those controls via a permitting system. **Deadline: Feb 12, 2025.**

Invasive Species Program Coordinator - Alaska Center for Conservation Science

Term position with University of Alaska to help coordinate the Southcentral Alaska Invasion Hotspot Pilot project funded by the Department of the Interior through the National EDRR Framework initiative. University of Alaska Located in Anchorage or Homer, Alaska; **Closing February 12, 2025.** Contact Dr. Matt Carlson mlcarlson@alaska.edu

[Wildlife Specialist Supervisor Statewide "Fish Health Program Manager"](#)

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Phoenix, Arizona (Hybrid)

Salary - \$56,098 Per Year

Education - Bachelor's Degree

Type - Full Time

Currently recruiting for the Fish Health Program Manager position, which will manage and

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supervise the state's fish health program. Responsibilities include conducting fish health inspections and analyses, and verifying certifications at Department hatcheries and prior to importing, stocking, and/or transferring wild fish. Makes recommendations on treatment of diseases at hatcheries, coordinates medication requests with the Department veterinarian, and oversees treatments. Conducts eDNA analyses for aquatic invasive species identification or species of management interest. The position is the main point of contact for Arizona on all fish health concerns, questions, and informational needs, and works regularly with many other state, federal, NGO's, and private customers on jurisdictional and regulative fish health matters. Maintains AFS FHS Tier 1 laboratory certification. Establishes and maintains protocols and procedures following quality assurance and quality control guidelines. Reviews scientific publications pertinent to fish health to remain current on pathogens and testing methodologies. Supervises one employee.

[Virginia Tech: Associate or Full Professor – Invasive Species Economist](#)

Job no: 530578

Work type: Teaching & Research Faculty

Senior management: Agriculture & Life Sciences

Department: Agricultural & Applied Economics

Location: Blacksburg, Virginia

Categories: Agriculture / Life Science

Open until filled

Job Description

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) and the College of Science (COS) at Virginia Tech are inviting applications for a 9-month (academic year) tenure-track research and teaching position at the Associate or Full Professor level in applied economics with a focus on invasive and other harmful species

[The Illinois Natural History Survey \(INHS\)](#) is seeking 2 graduate research assistants (GRAs) starting Summer or Fall 2025 to conduct research in the areas of aquatic ecology, invasion biology, or fisheries ecology. MS or PhD GRAs are available to research topics such as sport fish growth and recruitment, habitat enhancements for reservoir fisheries, riverine larval fish ecology, and harvest regulations. The **deadline to apply is February 14, 2025.**

[Knauss Fellowship](#)

[Ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resource management experience for graduate students](#)

The Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship provides a unique educational and professional experience to graduate students interested in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources. The Fellowship, named after one of Sea Grant's founders and former NOAA Administrator John A. Knauss, matches highly qualified graduate students with "hosts" in the legislative and executive branch of government located in the Washington, D.C. area, for a one-year paid fellowship.

Applications due to your state's Sea Grant program on February 19, 2025, for the 2026 Fellowship. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to programs 1-2 months in advance!

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Invasive Species Strike Team Technician

Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP)

Arkville, New York, United States Full Time, 3-6 mo duration

We are seeking four motivated and reliable Invasive Species Strike Team Technicians to join us in controlling invasive species throughout the Catskills this season:

Two Aquatic Strike Team Technicians and two Terrestrial Strike Team Technicians.

Invasive Species Management Assistant - WNY PRISM

New York, United States (On-Site)

The WNY PRISM Invasive Species Management Assistants (3) will work closely with the WNY PRISM Terrestrial Program Manager, Field Crew Leader and partners to implement invasive species prevention, early detection, management, and habitat restoration projects within the 8-county WNY PRISM region. The selected candidates will conduct invasive species surveys and assessments, assist with priority invasive species removal and restoration projects, provide project reports and may assist with outreach events such as tabling at farmers' markets. Invasive species removal efforts will include use of both manual and chemical (herbicide) methods. This is primarily a field position, and the selected candidates can expect to spend the majority of their time working outdoors in remote locations and will experience inclement weather conditions. WNY PRISM seeks highly motivated candidates with the education and experience necessary to succeed. **The deadline for applications is Monday, March 3, 2025.**

Grants

\$100M in NOAA funding available for transformational habitat restoration

On Friday, NOAA announced the [availability of up to \\$100 million in funding](#) for transformational projects that restore marine, estuarine, coastal, and Great Lakes habitats and that strengthen community resilience. This is the third and final round of this funding opportunity under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Of the \$100 million available, up to 15 percent is specifically available to U.S. federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and organizations that represent tribes through formal legal agreements, through direct awards or subawards. The remaining funding will be available to all eligible applicants.

NOAA will accept proposals between \$750,000 and \$10 million for the entire award, with typical funding anticipated to range from \$4 million to \$6 million. The application deadline is **April 16, 2025**. More information, including details about webinars for potential applicants, can be found on the [Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants](#) page.

TRAINING:

Certified Tribal Technician Program

NAFWS' vision for the Certified Tribal Technician Program is to offer professional certification training for tribal staff with the equivalency as a Fisheries Technician or an Invasive Species Technician to assist building tribal capacity for Tribes.

To achieve this, we will:

- Promote tribal programs and assist in the building of tribal capacity by offering professional training opportunities.
- Provide training skills that expand or enhance knowledge for professional fish and wildlife/natural resources staff.
- Focus on concepts related to Fishery and/or Invasive Species Management to build tribal capacities to implement in comprehensive Fish and Wildlife/Natural Resources Management Programs.

The goal of the training program is to increase awareness, knowledge, and implementation of best management practices related to fisheries and invasive species management, and monitoring by tribal professionals and field staff.

LEGISLATION

Advocacy

State/Provincial

[Invasive Species In Hawai‘i: Lawmakers Float New Plan As Urgency Mounts \(1/16/25\)](#)

Draft legislation proposes consolidating programs under a renamed Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, but critics say the agency already has a spotty track record on invasive species. [video] [Hawaii lawmakers grill agriculture officials about invasive species efforts \(1/18/25\)](#)

Federal: Executive

[Judge formally blocks Trump’s federal aid freeze \(1/31/25\)](#)

A federal judge blocked President Trump’s federal aid freeze Friday, finding that Democratic state attorneys general who sued are likely to prevail in their claims that it is illegal. U.S. District Judge John McConnell signaled at a hearing earlier this week that he would grant the motion from 22 states and Washington, D.C., for an immediate injunction.

[5 things to know about Trump’s buyout plan for federal employees \(2/1/25\)](#)

...The bottom line is it’s a massive proposal, given that almost 2 percent of the nation’s civilian workforce is on the federal payroll. NBC News reported this week that the Trump administration expects between 5 and 10 percent of the federal workforce will quit. A senior administration official said this could result in around \$100 billion in annual savings

Federal: Congressional

[Legislation considered under suspension of the Rules of the House of Representatives during the week of February 3, 2025](#)

The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives announces bills that will be considered under suspension of the rules in that chamber. Under suspension, floor debate is limited, all floor amendments are prohibited, points of order against the bill are waived, and final passage requires a two-thirds majority vote. CBO's estimates of the bills that have been posted for possible consideration under suspension of the rules during the week of February 3, 2025, include:

H.R. 42, Alaska Native Settlement Trust Eligibility Act

H.R. 43, Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2025

H.R. 226, Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

H.R. 235, National Museum of Play Recognition Act

H.R. 776, Nutria Eradication and Control Reauthorization Act of 2025 [*extends a 2003 law against the destructive rodent, Text [HERE](#)*]

H.R. 835, 9/11 Memorial and Museum Act

H.R. 836, Emergency Wildfire Fighting Technology Act of 2025

H.R. 837, To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona

[Case, Tokuda Reintroduce Measure To Combat Invasive Species In Hawaii \(1/17/25\)](#)

(Washington, DC) – U.S. Representative Ed Case (HI-01), and U.S. Representative Jill Tokuda (HI-02) announced the re-introduction of their Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act, a bill to require the U.S Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with other federal departments and the State of Hawai'i, to conduct visual, x-ray and canine inspections, as appropriate, on person, baggage, cargo and any other article destined for direct movement to the State of Hawai'i.

Federal: Appropriations

[Republican spending chairs huddle on goal numbers for March deal \(1/22/25\)](#)

Top Republican appropriators huddled Wednesday to discuss elusive spending for a federal funding deal they are trying to finalize in the next 50 days before the deadline to avoid a government shutdown. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), leaders of their respective spending panels, met Wednesday to talk about the possibility of a "topline" agreement to set overall totals necessary for enactment of fiscal 2025 funding bills. "We're making progress," Cole told reporters on Tuesday night. "We're having good discussions with our colleagues on the other side of the Rotunda and the other side of the aisle."

EVENTS

Archived Events:

- [Exploring eDNA for Early Detection and Rapid Response \(Apr 2024\)](#)
- [Horizon Scanning & Hotspot Analysis for Invasive Species Early Detection and Rapid Response \(Apr 2024\)](#)
- [Found it! Enhancing eDNA Surveillance with the National EDRR Framework \(Oct 2024\)](#)

Ongoing Training Opportunities:

Watercraft Inspection Training:

Virtual Level 1: [Level 1 - Inspector Training | westernais](#)

- [February 25-26, 2025](#)
- [March 11-12, 2025](#)
- [April 1-2, 2025](#)
- [April 29-30, 2025](#)

Virtual Level 2: [Level 2 - Inspection and Decon Training | westernais](#)

- [February 25-27, 2025](#)
- [March 11-13, 2025](#)
- [April 1-3, 2025](#)
- [April 29-May 1, 2025](#)

Virtual Level 3: [Level 3 - Trainer Training | westernais](#)

- [March 4-6, 2025](#)
- [April 15-17, 2025](#)
- [May 13-15, 2025](#)

[DOI Invasive Species Training Opportunities Spreadsheet](#)

[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

2025

February

[2025 Wild Spotter Invasive Species Ambassador Training Course](#) Feb 04, 2025 - Feb 06, 2025
Lake Guntersville State Park, Guntersville, Alabama

Feb. 24-27th, 2025 [INVASIVES 2025](#), ISCBC's Annual Forum & AGM in New Westminster, B.C.! With early bird pricing through December 20th and [discounts for members](#), don't miss the 20th anniversary of this special, in-person event!

[2025 33rd USDA Interagency Research Forum on Invasive Species](#) Feb 25, 2025 – Feb 28, 2025
Graduate Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland

March

[Oregon Invasive Species Council Business Meeting, March 4, 2025 Salem](#)

[Washington Invasive Species Council Meeting, March 20, Olympia](#)

April

[2nd National Forum on Biological Control Conference, April 14-17, 2025, Annapolis, MD.](#) This event, led by the USDA Forest Service in partnership with NAISMA and the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), is the premier gathering for biocontrol practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and other professionals dedicated to addressing the challenges and exploring the opportunities in weed and arthropod biocontrol.

The **2025 Pacific Ballast Water and Biofouling Group Meeting** has been scheduled for April 29 & 30, 2025. It will be held at Hyatt Centric The Pike Long Beach in Long Beach, California. Guest rooms are \$191/night in the room block which closes March 30, 2025. **Reserve a room using this [link](#) and register online [here](#).** Contact [Amy Stark](#) if you have any questions.

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Invasive Species Council of British Columbia's 2025 Research Conference Call for Proposals is Open! The conference theme is "Getting Ahead of the Invasion Curve: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Management" and it will be held at University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus in Kelowna, B.C on May 13 –15, 2025.

July

[Washington Invasive Species Council Meeting, July 17, Olympia](#)

September

[Washington Invasive Species Council Meeting, September 25, Olympia](#)

October

[2025 Society for the Study of Marine Bioinvasions \(SSMB\) 12th International Conference \(ICMB XII\) Oct 07, 2025 - Oct 09, 2025 Hotel VidaMar Madeira Funchal, Madeira Island, Portugal](#)

December

[Oregon Invasive Species Council Business Meeting, December 2, 2025 Salem](#)

[Washington Invasive Species Council Meeting, December 9, Olympia](#)

2026

August

[The 24th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species will be hosted by Queen's University Belfast, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Aug. 23-27, 2026.](#)

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