

Putting Mittens on a Crab



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Mitten Crab Project Overview

Project goals

1. Identify GOM habitat most vulnerable to invasions

1. Create an early detection network of citizens and professionals to help observe and report early sightings

1. Develop a rapid response plan



Mitten Crab Project Overview

Funded by National Sea Grant office

Project area:

- Early detection network – ME, NH, MA
- Rapid response plan – Northeast region



Early Detection Network - Outreach

Audience	ME	NH	MA
Citizen monitoring groups	✓	✓	2015
Recreational boaters/fisherman	✓	2015	2015
Aquaculturists	2015	✓	✓
Shellfisherman	✓	✓	✓
Harbormasters	2015	✓	✓

Project timeline

Now

Complete draft rapid response plan

Winter 2015

Draft rapid response plan to NEANS panel

Outreach activities

Spring 2015

Final rapid response plan

Outreach activities

Summer/Fall 2015

RRP meetings



Rapid Response Plan Reviewers

- Meg Modley
- Mark Malchoff
- Pete Thayer
- John McPhedran
- Leslie Surprenant

- Deborah Rudnick – CMC Researcher
- Darrick Sparks – SERC Mitten Crab Watch
- Bob Schmidt – Bard College

- Any others?
- NEANS members in Canada

