

Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel
Spring Meeting
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Highlights from Rhode Island Marine Environment

Research on the Environmental and Economic Impacts of AIS in Rhode Island's Coastal Waters

Aquatic Invasive Species Ten-Year Report

- Floating Dock Monitoring – presence, abundance, distribution
- Settlement Plate Study – competition between native and invasive species
- Eelgrass Monitoring - impacts on critical coastal habitat

Aquatic Invasive Species and Aquaculture

Research on the Impacts of AIS on Shellfish Aquaculture in Rhode Island
Project Report 2023, Dr. Skylar Bayer
Center for Economic and Environmental Development,
Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island

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BALLAST WATER INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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Cooperative Agreement
Between CRMC & URI Department of Marine Affairs
To Develop a Ballast Water Inspection Program for the State of Rhode Island

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Task 6B) The CRMC will implement the operational tasks necessary to prevent/minimize the risk of AIS introductions from ballast water into the state's coastal waters.

1. develop content for ballast water webpage on CRMC website
2. develop form for entry to Rhode Island waters
3. establish means to collect/review vessel electronic forms on file with federal agencies
4. develop vessel inspection protocols from ship contact through record keeping
5. coordinate with RIDEM to establish no incidental discharge zones in state waters
6. develop list of equipment required to conduct on board ballast water inspection
7. establish a regional ballast water work group under the NEANS Panel