

ANSTF Meeting Presentation Information

1) Name and affiliation of presenter:

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2) Background information about presentation

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) established the Marine Invader Monitoring and Information Collaborative (MIMIC) in 2006 to serve as an early detection network for marine invasive species across New England. MIMIC is a partnership between state and federal agencies, scientific experts, volunteers, and nonprofits that seeks to expand monitoring efforts for marine invasive species by training volunteers to identify 20 established and potential marine invaders. Currently, MIMIC includes twelve local partners and over 100 volunteers who monitor nearly seventy sites along the New England Coastline. All data collected from MIMIC are vigorously quality controlled and are publically available through CZM's Massachusetts Ocean Resource Information System (MORIS), and MIT SeaGrant's Marine Invader Tracking and Information System (MITIS). The collaborative provides an opportunity for the general public to actively participate in an invasive species early detection network, identify new invaders before they spread, and help improve our understanding of established invaders.

3) If the presentation supports a decision, what is the decision point to be considered by the ANSTF?

Presentation is informational

4) Does the subject matter relate to an objective(s) identified in the 2007-2012 ANS Strategic Plan? If so, explain.

The presentation relates to:

Goal 2 Minimize the harmful effects of ANS already introduced into the waters of the United States, and **Objective 2.1** Facilitate survey and monitoring efforts to detect and control ANS

And

Goal 4 Increase public understanding of the importance of reducing the introduction, spread, and impact of ANS and recommend appropriate

domestic and international actions, and **Objective 4.1** Ensure the people of the United States understand the problems and impacts associated with ANS.