

**Regional Panel Highlights of Activities for the  
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Webinar  
May 2015 through November 2015**

**Regional Panel Name:** Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel

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- The Panel convened its spring meeting in May at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland, Maine. The meeting included Panelists, as guests of the Institute, for its evening Science Café. Nonprofit employees, volunteers, and other local citizens met in an informal setting to learn about freshwater and marine invasive species and discuss technologies and their own experiences. NH LAKES, a recent “Outstanding Invasive Species Volunteer Award” winner, was present to talk about its Lake Host Program. Other meeting features included “Highlights from Maine,” a roundtable of regional updates, discussion of climate change relative to invasive species, work group meetings, “Spotlight on Species: Green Crabs,” Chinese mitten crab rapid response plan draft presentation, and a field tour of the local docks and wharves. The Institute generously and graciously hosted the Panel at no charge.
- The Panel continues to update its website, [NortheastANS.org](http://NortheastANS.org).
- The Panel’s fall meeting is slated for December 2-3, 2015 in Albany, New York, hosted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.