



Meeting Agenda • May 3-4, 2010
Additional events May 4-7, 2010
Holiday Inn by the Bay
Portland, ME

Monday, May 3, 2010

10:30 AM - Steering Committee meeting—agenda will be sent under separate cover to Steering Committee members

1:00 PM Full Panel meeting: welcome, introductions, review of meeting agenda, and updates by Co-chair – Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program and Jan Smith, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management
ANS updates and Panel business:

- November 2009 meeting summary - northeastans.org/meetings.htm
- November 2010 meeting in Connecticut - Michele L. Tremblay, ANS Program Manager
- ANS Task Force May 2010 meeting (May 5-6) - Meg, Jan, and Michele
- Invasive Species Advisory Council - Nancy Balcom

1:15 PM Highlights from Maine - Facilitated by Karen Hahnel and John McPhedran, ME Department of Environmental Protection and Sarah Kirn, Gulf of Maine Research Institute

1:45 PM Northeast ANS Roundtable¹ - *very fast-paced, one-minute updates from each province, state, and industry, academic, and NGO*

2:15 PM NEANS Panel Online Guide presentation and tutorial
Karen Hahnel, ME Department of Environmental Protection and Leslie Matthews, VT Department of Environmental Conservation

3:00 PM Cookie break

3:15 PM Hydrilla Initiative Project
John McPhedran, ME Department of Environmental Protection

3:45 PM Spotlight on Species: Canadian Risk Assessment
Becky Cudmore and Nick Mandrak, Centre of Expertise for Aquatic Risk Assessment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans

5:00 PM Instruction to committees and work groups

5:30 PM Recess for the day

6:00 PM Meet in hotel lobby for supper as a group

¹ For more detailed updates, please bring approximately 30 copies of your written handout

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

8:00 AM Continental breakfast provided

8:00 AM Work groups sessions

10:00 AM Panel discussion and decision on projects and an annual work plan

12:00 AM Public comment period

12:30 PM Boxed lunches provided to pre-registered participants

1:00 - Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and NEANS Panel field trip
5:00 PM *Spotlight on marine invasive species in the Gulf of Maine*
Visit a floating dock in South Portland to learn about marine invasive species.

Background: There are a number of established marine invasive species in the Gulf of Maine. Some species such as the green crab and common periwinkle were introduced over a hundred years ago. Other species, such as *Didemnum* (colonial tunicate), and Asian shore crab, are more recent invaders. The impacts of these species to the Gulf of Maine ecosystem and economy are varied and difficult to discern. Field trip participants will explore a fouling community in Portland, ME to look for marine invasive species, learn the history of these organisms in the Gulf of Maine, potential impacts, and management implications. In addition, participants will be able to view voucher specimens and photos of marine invasive species such as *Didemnum*, sheath tunicate, club tunicate, Asian shore crab, green crab, and more. You should be prepared for cool, Maine spring weather (50s F) and wear comfortable, casual footwear.

Host: Adrienne Pappal, Aquatic Invasive Species Program, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and NEANS Panel field trip
Variable milfoil in the Songo River, Sebago Lake Region: working regionally to keep the plant in check.

Visit an infested watercourse in southern Maine to learn about Lakes Environmental Association's (LEA) spread prevention and plant management efforts since 2005, including education and outreach, plant surveys, boat inspections, and use of benthic barriers and diver assisted suction harvesting to manage infestations.

Background: Variable water milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) has been in Sebago Lake for decades but in recent years has been expanding within a high value lake system. The primary vector is boat traffic through the popular Songo River, complete with a manually operated lock. LEA, a 40-year old regional lake advocacy group, has spearheaded a comprehensive spread prevention and plant control project to prevent this invasive plant from establishing in additional lakes in the watershed. Field trip participants will be able to view LEA's diver assisted suction unit in dry dock. A first-hand look at the Songo River from pontoon boat will be offered if the weather cooperates.

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Host: Peter Lowell, Executive Director, Lakes Environmental Association

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

8:00 AM – Federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force meetings

5:00 PM Agenda posted on ANSTF website

**5:30 – 7:00 PM Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force reception hosted by the
Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel at Gulf of Maine Research
Institute—RSVP to info@NortheastANS.org required no later than
the COB on
April 23, 2010**

Thursday, May 6, 2010

8:00 AM – Federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force meetings

5:00 PM Agenda posted on [ANSTF website](#)

Friday, May 7, 2010

8:00 AM – Aquatic Nuisance Species Panels Rapid Response workshop

12:00 PM