

The Marine Invader Monitoring and Information Collaborative Workshop:

Building a Regional Volunteer Monitoring Network

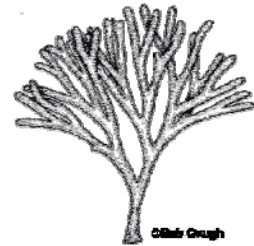
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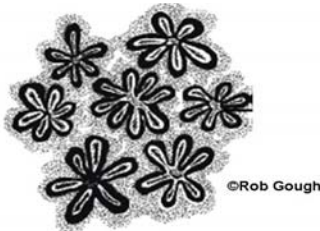
The Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel and the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management invite you to a full-day marine invasive species monitoring workshop hosted by the New England Aquarium. The workshop will focus on the importance of volunteers in early detection of marine invasive species and kick off the 2008 monitoring season for the Marine Invader Monitoring and Information Collaborative (MIMIC) volunteer program. Groups that have an interest in incorporating marine invasive species into their monitoring activities this summer or in the future are strongly encouraged to participate.

Workshop Highlights:

- 🐌 Dr. Robert Buchsbaum of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, a marine ecologist with over 20 years of coastal monitoring experience will give a plenary presentation on the importance of volunteers to invasive species monitoring.
- 🐌 Dr. Judy Pederson of MIT Sea Grant will present results of the 2007 Northeast Rapid Assessment Survey of Marine Invasive Species.
- 🐌 MIMIC coordinators will give an overview of program goals and methods.
- 🐌 Participants will learn identification tips and tricks and have the opportunity to view marine invasive species during a field visit to the wharves along Boston Harbor.



Meeting Logistics: (more details will be announced as they become available)



Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2008

Location: New England Aquarium
Central Wharf
Boston, MA 02110

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Discounted parking will also be available, although we encourage the use of public transportation. Driving directions and parking details are available upon request.

*****The workshop is free of charge, but space is limited!*****

RSVP by Friday, March 28th, 2008 to:
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