



Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel

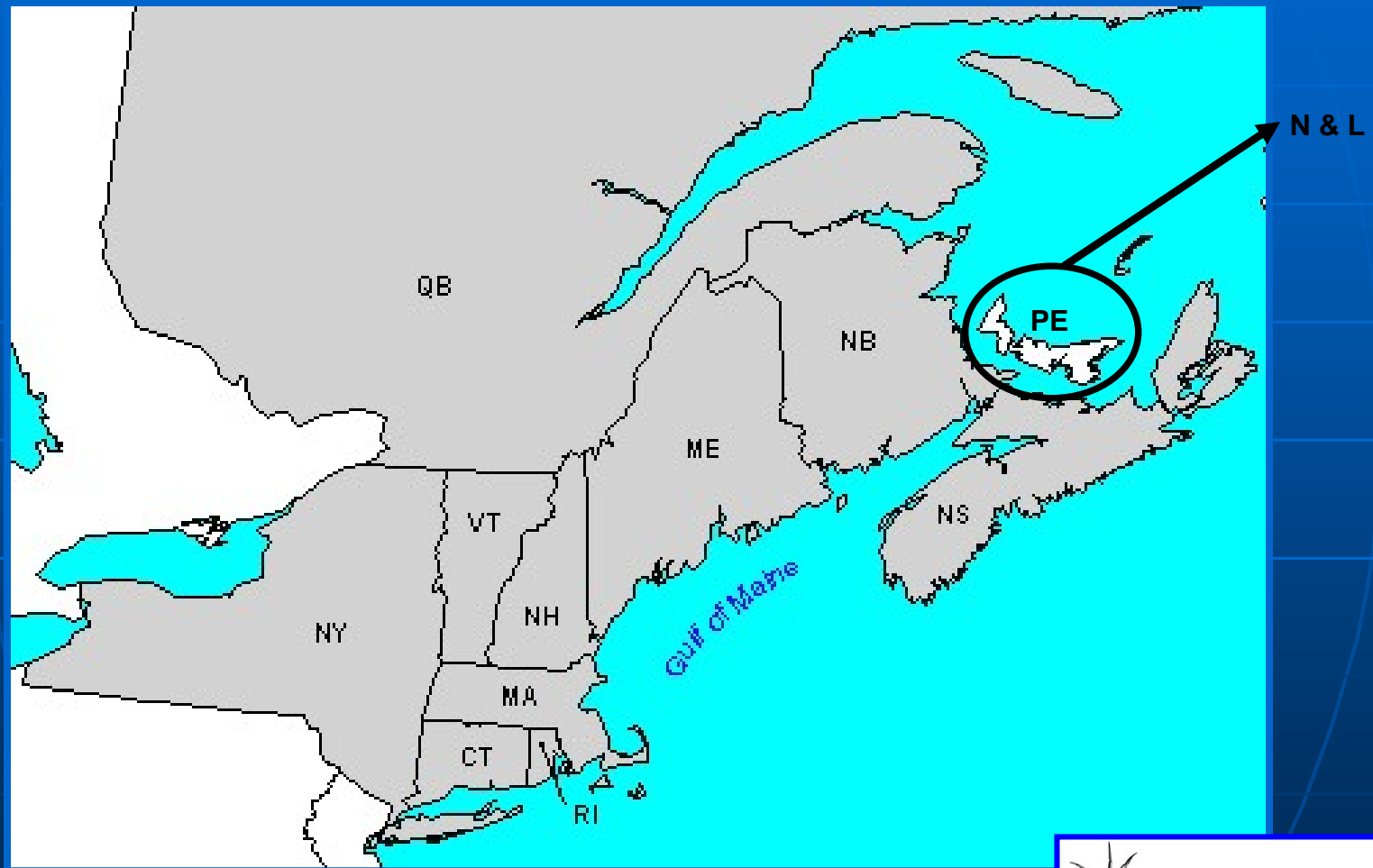
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hosted by the
Gulf of Maine Council
on the Marine Environment

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The Panel's Geographic Scope



The Panel's Geographic Participation

□ Who we are

- Hosted by the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment
- Panel Co-chairs: John McPhedran, ME Department of Environmental Protection and Judith Pederson, MIT Sea Grant

Northeast provinces and states

- Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick New Hampshire, New York, Nova Scotia, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Quebec
- Plans for Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland



The Panel's Mission and Goals

□ Mission Statement

“To protect the marine and freshwater resources of the Northeast from aquatic nuisance species through commitment and coordinated action.”

□ Goals

- Prevent introduction, establishment, and dispersal of aquatic nuisance species in the Northeast
- Control the spread of aquatic nuisance species already introduced into the Northeast
- Mitigate the harmful ecological, economic, social, and public health impacts associated with the introduction, establishment, or spread of aquatic nuisance species in the Northeast

□ Bylaws adopted May 17, 2004



The Panel's Operational Framework

□ Objectives

- Regional coordination and leadership for programs
- Regional support for aquatic nuisance species policies
- Regional support for regulatory and legislative actions
- Increase public awareness on importance of prevention
- Support and foster basic and applied research
- Regional clearinghouse for information sharing



The Panel's Membership

□ Membership

- Government (federal, state, regional, tribal, provincial)
- Military
- Research and university
- Nonprofit and non-governmental organizations
- Private industry (with strategies)



The Panel's Committees and Staff

□ Committees

■ Ballast Water

- Mihai (Mike) Balaban, Transport Canada
- Erik Beck, USEPA

■ Communication, Education, and Outreach

- Mike Hauser, VT Department of Environmental Conservation
- Chuck O'Neill, NY Sea Grant
- Amy Smagula, NH Department of Environmental Services

■ Policy and Legislation

- Anne Monnelly, MA Department of Environmental Protection
- Susannah King, NE interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

■ Science and Technology

- Jason Baker, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management
- Jim Straub, MA Department of Environmental Protection

□ Contracted staff

- Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications



What have we done lately?

Panel accomplishments and plans



Selected Panel Accomplishments

- ❑ Semi-annual meetings with “Spotlight on Species” and professional development features including legislation, media relations, and volunteer management
- ❑ *NEANS Panel Resource Digest*
- ❑ Fact sheet (under revision)
- ❑ Two traveling displays
- ❑ Website: northeastans.org with *sub-sites* and
Listserve: panel-subscribe@northeastans.org

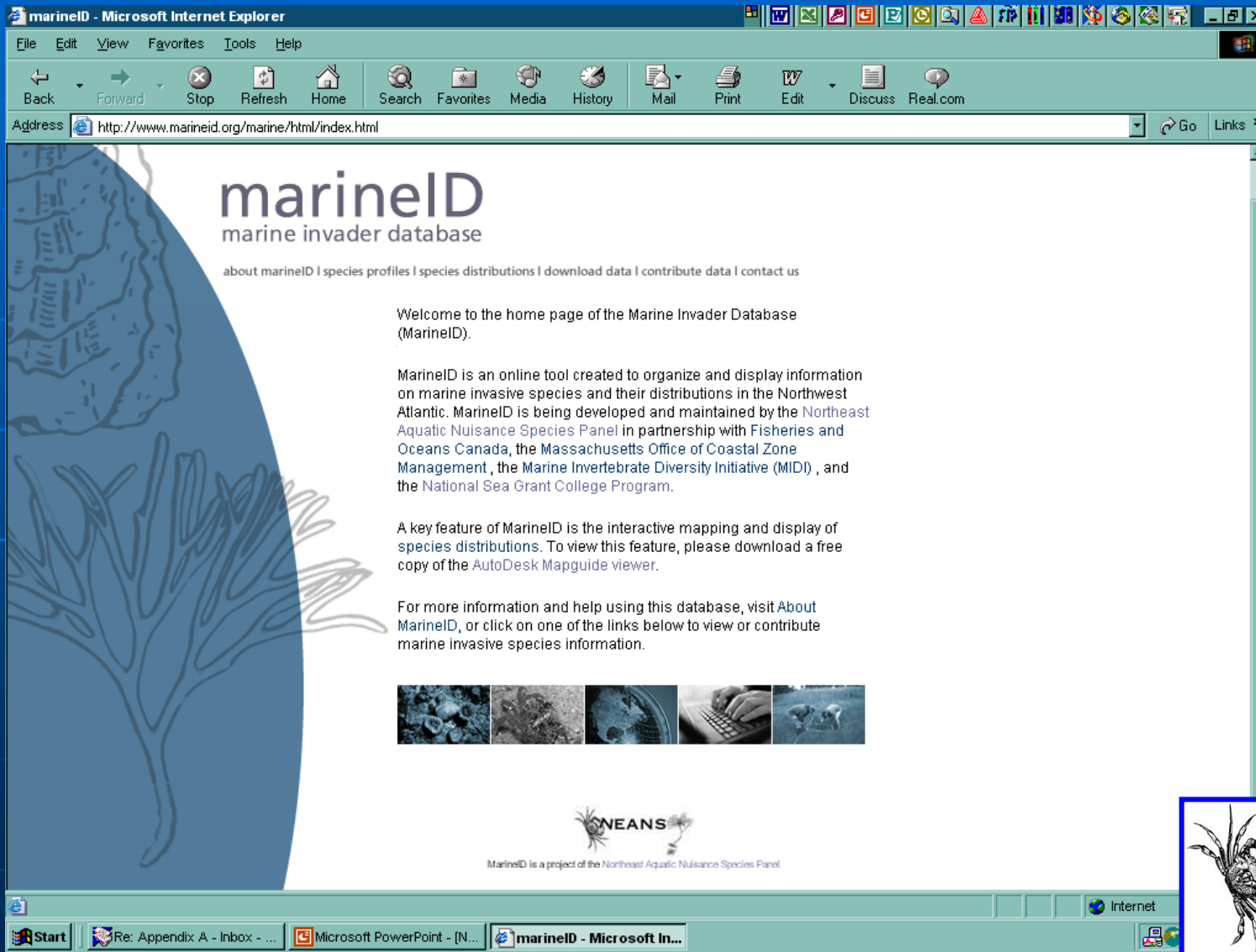


Selected Panel Accomplishments

- ☐ **Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers floating key ring and companion website (second production run)**
- ☐ **Water Chestnut hand-pulling brochure with companion website**
- ☐ **Peer-to-peer coordination on state plan development / revision (MA, NY, ME, VT, & RI)**
- ☐ **Priority species list with control strategies and protocols**
- ☐ **May 2005 Early Detection Rapid Response workshop in Portsmouth, NH (follow-up from Bar Harbor, ME workshop in May 2003)**
- ☐ **MarineID.org**



MarineID.org



Priority Species lists with response and control protocols

Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel - Links to Priority Nuisance Species Lists - Netscape

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Bookmarks Location: <http://www.northeastans.org/nr/priorityspecieslists.htm> What's Related












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Nuisance Species Lists for the NEANS Region (Freshwater, Marine & Wetland)

Below are links to lists of aquatic and wetland nuisance species for the NEANS region (New England and New York in the U.S., New Brunswick, New Foundland and Nova Scotia in Canada)*. They have been compiled and posted by various government and non-governmental organizations at the local, state, and national level, and as a result are subject to different categorizations (invasive, potentially invasive, etc.) and naming conventions (invasive, banned, noxious). The icons in the right-hand column indicate which organism types can be found on each list.

If your organization has an invasive species list that is not included below, let us know at info@northeastans.org.

(*This web page is provided for informational purposes only. The NEANS Panel makes no judgement regarding the content of these lists, and is not responsible for the content of external links.)

Region	List Title	Source	Organism Types (Key)
Connecticut	Connecticut Invasive Plant List (Official state list)	Connecticut Invasive Plant Council	
	List of Non-Native Invasive & Potentially Invasive Vascular Plants in Connecticut (Superseded by CIPL above, .pdf file)	Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group	
Maine	Advisory List of Invasive Aquatic Species (.pdf file)	Maine Department of Environmental Protection	      
	List of Banned Invasive Aquatic Plants	Maine Department of Environmental Protection	
	List of Illegal Fish Introductions	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	

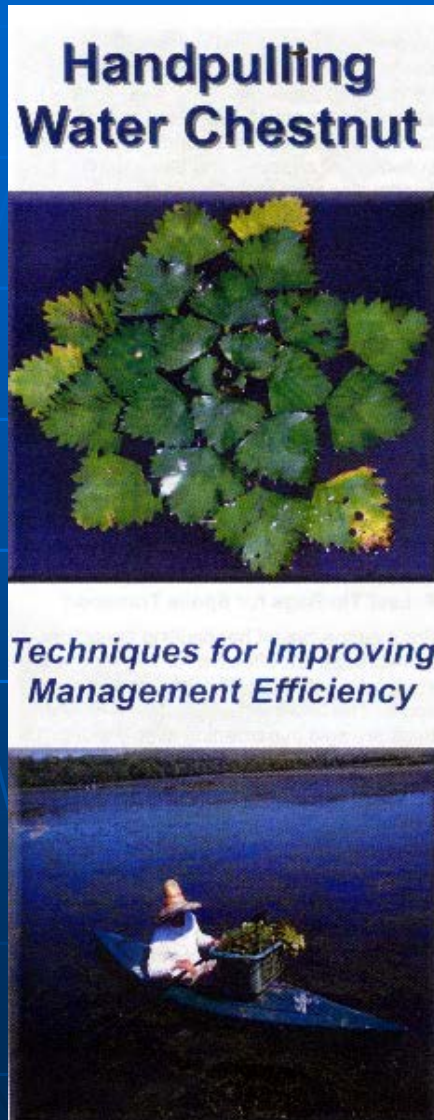
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Water Chestnut hand-pulling brochure



☐ Targeted to

- Resource managers
- Lake groups
- Volunteer trainers

Floating Key Ring: a great outreach tool...



...a bold fashion statement



Planned Panel activities

- ☐ Development strategy
- ☐ NEANS Panel website revision with GOMC grant
- ☐ Regional ballast water initiative
- ☐ Outreach program for non-English speaking communities
- ☐ Distribute new order of floating key chains with companion website
- ☐ Revised ANS Legislative matrix
- ☐ Regional Early Detection - Rapid Response
- ☐ Fact sheet revision



Regional Panels working together

Communication and more...



Opportunities for communication, cooperation, and collaboration

- ☐ Use our listserve:
anspanels@northeastans.org to inform others of your meetings and workshops
- ☐ Reciprocal website links
- ☐ Consider reserving time on your agenda for other Panels
- ☐ Work together on regional initiatives such as rapid response and early detection or outreach tools
- ☐ Schedule time at ANS Task Force meetings for regional panel gatherings



News from the Northeast

"All our Invasives"



Northeast ANS sightings

- ❑ Eurasian Milfoil in ME
- ❑ *Hydrilla* found—and treated for the last two years in Limerick, ME
- ❑ Four tunicates found in Prince Edward Island
- ❑ MSX in Bras D'or Lakes, NS and PE
- ❑ Water Chestnut in MA and NH
- ❑ *Corbicula* in the Charles River, MA
- ❑ and...



The short and tragic life of a lone cane toad in Maine



A happy ending?

AUGUSTA, MAINE
Cane toad travels
live from Hawaii to
Maine in a snorkel
fin

**Lesson: Always
check your
snorkel gear!**

Thank you!

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