

## Report of Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program

The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program (MASGLP) has been conducting a survey on Mississippi aquatic invasive species via a grant from Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

The goals of the survey are to learn what people in Mississippi know about invasive species, where they learned about them, and what they are willing to do about them. A list of registered boaters gave MASGLP names, and online software was used to find likely email addresses for approximately 1,200 registered boaters. Additionally, emails were sent to approximately 300 other people, indicating that completed surveys were eligible for randomly awarded Amazon gift cards.

A large percentage of the email addresses were incorrect, and very few people responded, and so other measures are being taken to get more responses. Those more direct appeals have garnered more responses. To date, more than 80 replies are reported.

A report on the survey responses as well as any recommendations for management will be publicly available at the end of 2022.

Additionally, a law student intern researched state enforcement actions for violations of invasive species laws in multiple states. His article, [State Laws Versus Endangered Species](#), was published in *Water Log*, the quarterly web publication of MASGLP.