Are you interested in learning more about plants and animals invading Maine's coastal waters?



Do you wonder how organisms like the Asian shore crab or non-native sea squirts get here and why they are a problem?



Do you want to know whether we can prevent others from coming and what can be done about those already here?



Come find out which bio-invaders are wreaking havoc on our ocean life and on marine activities such as fishing and shipping!



MAINE'S MARINE INVASION:

A Forum on the Impact of Non-native and Other Invasive Species on Maine's Coastal Ecosystems

At this forum, scientists and managers working on marine invasive species issues throughout New England will address these questions and others that relate to the issue of marine invasions in Maine. Presentations will include the results of an August 2003 survey for marine invasive species in Casco Bay and ports south of Casco Bay in New England; information about specific bio-invaders; potential pathways for their introduction; and a case study from Massachusetts on how to manage what's here and keep potential new invasions out.

Wednesday, May 5, 2004 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (Registration: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.) Glickman Library, 7th floor, The University of Southern Maine, Portland

Free and open to the public.

(Pre-registration required. To register, please contact Deb Arbique at the Casco Bay Estuary Project at darbique@usm.maine.edu or 207-228-8593 by April 21.)

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