

Bering Sea Marine Invasive Species Assessment

Alaska Center for Conservation Science

Scientific Name: *Mytilus galloprovincialis*

Common Name *Mediterranean mussel*

Phylum Mollusca

Class Bivalvia

Order Mytiloida

Family Mytilidae

Species Occurrence by Ecoregion

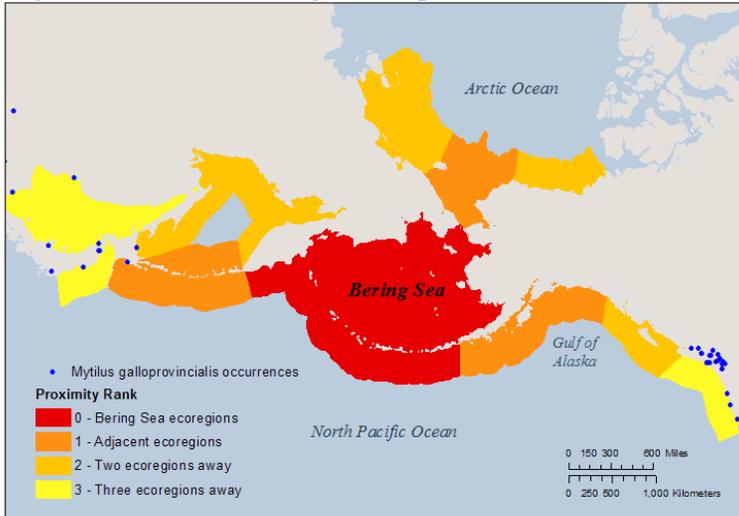


Figure 1. Occurrence records for non-native species, and their geographic proximity to the Bering Sea. Ecoregions are based on the classification system by Spalding et al. (2007). Occurrence record data source(s): NEMESIS and NAS databases.

Final Rank 67.75

Data Deficiency: 0.00

Category Scores and Data Deficiencies

<u>Category</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Total Possible</u>	<u>Data Deficient Points</u>
Distribution and Habitat:	21.25	30	0
Anthropogenic Influence:	10	10	0
Biological Characteristics:	23.75	30	0
Impacts:	12.75	30	0
Totals:	67.75	100.00	0.00

General Biological Information

Tolerances and Thresholds

Minimum Temperature (°C)	7	Minimum Salinity (ppt)	10
Maximum Temperature (°C)	31	Maximum Salinity (ppt)	38
Minimum Reproductive Temperature (°C)	15	Minimum Reproductive Salinity (ppt)	20
Maximum Reproductive Temperature (°C)	25	Maximum Reproductive Salinity (ppt)	38

Additional Notes

Mytilus galloprovincialis (the Mediterranean Mussel) is native to the Mediterranean Sea and has been intentionally and accidentally introduced worldwide. It is an important aquaculture species due to its high growth rate and reproductive output.

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Review Date: 9/27/2017

1. Distribution and Habitat

1.1 Survival requirements - Water temperature

Choice: No overlap – Temperatures required for survival do not exist in the Bering Sea

D

Score:
0 of
3.75

Ranking Rationale:

Year-round temperature requirements do not exist in the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

M. galloprovincialis is a cold-temperate to warm-temperate species. It can tolerate temperatures up to 31°C for short periods of time (< 1 month), but exhibits stress responses above 24°C (Anestis et al. 2007; Schneider 2008). A minimum threshold of ~7°C has been suggested based on experiments and geographic distribution (DAFF 2016).

Sources:

NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 Schneider 2008 DAFF 2016 Anestis et al. 2007

1.2 Survival requirements - Water salinity

Choice: Considerable overlap – A large area (>75%) of the Bering Sea has salinities suitable for year-round survival

A

Score:
3.75 of
3.75

Ranking Rationale:

Salinities required for year-round survival occur over a large (>75%) area of the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

The salinity range for survival is 10 ppt to 38 ppt (Shurova 2001; Fofonoff et al. 2003).

Sources:

NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 Shurova 2001

1.3 Establishment requirements - Water temperature

Choice: No overlap – Temperatures required for reproduction do not exist in the Bering Sea

D

Score:
0 of
3.75

Ranking Rationale:

Temperatures required for reproduction do not exist in the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

The reproductive temperature range for *M. galloprovincialis* is 15°C to 26°C (His et al. 1989).

Sources:

NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 His et al. 1989

1.4 Establishment requirements - Water salinity

Choice: Considerable overlap – A large area (>75%) of the Bering Sea has salinities suitable for reproduction

A

Score:
3.75 of
3.75

Ranking Rationale:

Salinities required for reproduction occur over a large (>75%) area of the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

The salinity profile for reproduction of *M. galloprovincialis* is 20 PSU to 38 PSU (His et al. 1989).

Sources:

NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 His et al. 1989

1.5 Local ecoregional distribution

Choice: Present in an ecoregion adjacent to the Bering Sea

B

Score:
3.75 of

5

Ranking Rationale:

Found in the Sea of Okhotsk.

Background Information:

Found in the Sea of Okhotsk, Japan, Hong Kong, and Korea. In North America, it occurs in California, Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004

1.6 Global ecoregional distribution

Choice: In many ecoregions globally

A

Score:
5 of

5

Ranking Rationale:

Found in ecoregions worldwide, but restricted to temperate regions.

Background Information:

Its native range is the Mediterranean Sea, mainly on the northern shore. Introduced populations occur from Morocco to the U.K. (McDonald et al. 1991 as qtd. in Fofonoff et al. 2003; Hilbish et al. 2000; Smietanka et al. 2004), South Africa, New Zealand, Japan, Hong Kong, northeastern Russia, southwest South America, and the West Coast of North America (Fofonoff et al. 2003). *M. galloprovincialis* is cryptogenic in southern South America, Australia, and New Zealand (Fofonoff et al. 2003).

Sources:

Hilbish et al. 2000 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 Smietanka et al. 2004

1.7 Current distribution trends

Choice: Recent rapid range expansion and/or long-distance dispersal (within the last ten years)

A

Score:
5 of

5

Ranking Rationale:

Rapid colonization and long-distance dispersal have been documented.

Background Information:

Rapid colonization and long-distance dispersal have been documented (Branch and Steffani 2004). All introductions so far have been in temperate regions and at localities where there are large shipping ports (Branch and Steffani 2004).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004

Section Total - Scored Points:	21.25
Section Total - Possible Points:	30
Section Total -Data Deficient Points:	0

2. Anthropogenic Transportation and Establishment

2.1 *Transport requirements: relies on use of shipping lanes (hull fouling, ballast water), fisheries, recreation, mariculture, etc. for transport*

Choice: Has been observed using anthropogenic vectors for transport and transports independent of any anthropogenic vector once introduced

Score: 4 of 4

Ranking Rationale:

Transported by numerous anthropogenic vectors and capable of transporting during the larval stage on their own.

Background Information:

Can be introduced via ship hull fouling and transport of ballast water (Geller et al., 1994 as qtd. in Branch and Steffani 2004). In Japan and in China, where it is widely cultivated, it has spread as a result of larval dispersal from mussel farms.

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 GISD 2016b NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

2.2 *Establishment requirements: relies on marine infrastructure, (e.g. harbors, ports) to establish*

Choice: Readily establishes in areas with anthropogenic disturbance/infrastructure and in natural, undisturbed areas

Score: 4 of 4

Ranking Rationale:

Can establish in anthropogenic areas (e.g. in cultivation) and in undisturbed areas.

Background Information:

Larvae can escape from farms and establish wild populations. Areas of introduction are associated with large shipping ports, but once introduced, readily expands its range (Branch and Steffani 2004).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 GISD 2016b

2.3 *Is this species currently or potentially farmed or otherwise intentionally cultivated?*

Choice: Yes

Score: 2 of 2

Ranking Rationale:

Background Information:

Widely cultivated in China, Japan, South Africa, Australia, and from California to British Columbia.

Sources:

GISD 2016b NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

Section Total - Scored Points:	10
Section Total - Possible Points:	10
Section Total -Data Deficient Points:	0

3. Biological Characteristics

3.1 Dietary specialization

Choice: Generalist at all life stages and/or foods are readily available in the study area

A

Score:
5 of
5

Ranking Rationale:

Consumes numerous taxa, many of which exist in the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

Filter feeder, feeds on a wide range of planktonic organisms. Shown to be a generalist and adaptive feeder over a wide range of plankton concentrations and water flow velocities (Denis et al. 1999).

Sources:

Denis et al. 1999 GISD 2016b

3.2 Habitat specialization and water tolerances

Does the species use a variety of habitats or tolerate a wide range of temperatures, salinity regimes, dissolved oxygen levels, calcium concentrations, hydrodynamics, pollution, etc?

Choice: Requires specialized habitat for some life stages (e.g., reproduction)

B

Score:
3.25 of
5

Ranking Rationale:

Current distribution mostly restricted to temperate regions. Habitat and food is likely available in the Bering Sea, but reproduction and growth cycles require water temperatures not readily found in the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

Low tolerance to siltation and low salinity (below 18PSU). Prefers semi-exposed or exposed habitats with a high rate of water flow; in South Africa, rarely became established at sheltered sites in spite of rapid colonization and spread (Branch and Steffani 2004). In South Africa, known to exist where temperatures can drop to a minimum of approximately 7°C during peak upwelling season. However, optimal water temperature for larval growth occurred at 20°C (His et al. 1988). Low tolerance for warm waters limits its expansion into subtropical areas, where water temperatures are between 22-27°C (Assis et al. 2015). An ecotoxicology study conducted in a heavily industrial area found that *M. galloprovincialis* showed signs of stress in response to anthropogenic pollution (Cappello et al. 2013).

Sources:

Assis et al. 2015 Branch and Steffani 2004 Cappello et al. 2013 GISD 2016b His et al. 1989 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

3.3 Desiccation tolerance

Choice: Highly tolerant (>7 days) of desiccation at one or more stages during its life cycle

A

Score:
5 of
5

Ranking Rationale:

High desiccation tolerance.

Background Information:

Very high desiccation tolerance. Individuals that were continuously exposed to air for up to 7 days exhibited 92% survivorship (Branch and Steffani 2004).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 GISD 2016b

3.4 Likelihood of success for reproductive strategy

- i. Asexual or hermaphroditic ii. High fecundity (e.g. >10,000 eggs/kg) iii. Low parental investment and/or external fertilization iv. Short generation time

Choice: High – Exhibits three or four of the above characteristics
A

Score:
5 of
5

Ranking Rationale:

Sexual reproduction, high fecundity, external fertilization, short generation time.

Background Information:

Sexual reproduction with external fertilization. High fecundity, with millions of gametes released during spawning events (DAFF 2016). Long spawning season. In some regions, can spawn year-round (Seed 1969). Individuals reach maturity within one year.

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 DAFF 2016 GISD 2016b NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 Seed 1969

3.5 Likelihood of long-distance dispersal or movements

- Consider dispersal by more than one method and/or numerous opportunities for long or short distance dispersal e.g. broadcast, float, swim, carried in currents; vs. sessile or sink.

Choice: Disperses long (>10 km) distances
A

Score:
2.5 of
2.5

Ranking Rationale:

M. galloprovincialis disperses an average of 35 km.

Background Information:

Larvae can disperse passively via surface currents generated by wind (Branch and Steffani 2004). On the coast of San Diego County, larvae dispersed an average of 35 km, though a large proportion settled more locally. A few (1.5%) dispersed for more than 125 km. There was extensive genetic exchange between bays and between open-coast and bay populations (Lopez-Duarte et al. 2012). In South Africa, *M. galloprovincialis* had spread along 223km of coastline within three years of its introduction (Branch and Steffani 2004).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 Lopez-Duarte et al. 2012 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

3.6 Likelihood of dispersal or movement events during multiple life stages

- i. Can disperse at more than one life stage and/or highly mobile ii. Larval viability window is long (days v. hours) iii. Different modes of dispersal are achieved at different life stages (e.g. unintentional spread of eggs, migration of adults)

Choice: Moderate – Exhibits one of the above characteristics
B

Score:
1.75 of
2.5

Ranking Rationale:

M. galloprovincialis has a relatively long planktonic larval stage and limited dispersal ability as an adult.

Background Information:

Adults are mostly sessile (though they do have a muscular foot which allows them to crawl if microhabitat is unfavourable; Cáceres-Martínez et al. 1994). Adults can potentially be transported overland if attached to fishing or shipping gear. Larvae are suspended in the water column and can disperse via wind-generated water currents (Branch and Steffani 2004). For three *Mytilus* spp. in western North America: Temporal variability in recruitment rates, dependent on peak reproduction period: in Oregon, this peak occurred in late summer-early fall, but switched to wintertime in northern and central California (Broitman et al. 2008).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 Broitman et al. 2008 Cáceres-Martínez et al. 1994

3.7 Vulnerability to predators

Choice: Multiple predators present in the Bering Sea or neighboring regions
D

Score:
1.25 of
5

Ranking Rationale:

Numerous predators, many of which exist in the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

In South Africa, where it was introduced, whelk and oystercatchers were important predators that readily exploited *M. galloprovincialis* as a food resource (Branch and Steffani 2004). In California, common intertidal predators include seastars, crabs, and dog whelk (Shinen 2007).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 Shinen 2007

Section Total - Scored Points:	23.75
Section Total - Possible Points:	30
Section Total -Data Deficient Points:	0

4. Ecological and Socioeconomic Impacts

4.1 Impact on community composition

Choice: High – Entire community and/or may cause extirpation or extinction at the species or trophic level

A

Score:

2.5 of

2.5

Ranking Rationale:

Competes with similar species for food and space.

Background Information:

In California and in Japan, has replaced the closely related native mussel *M. trossulus* and *Septifer virgatus* (Geller 1999). In South Africa, competes with 3 native mussel species, but only competition with *A. atar* is considered to be of serious concern (DAFF 2016). Invasion by *M. galloprovincialis* led to an 80% reduction in *A. atar* at monitored sites near Saldanha Bay (Branch and Steffani 2004). Replacement of *M. trossulus* by *M. galloprovincialis* may not have severe impacts, as the two species support similar levels of species richness and diversity, indicating functional redundancy (Shinen 2007).

In Japan, outcompetes many other native species, including the Pacific oyster, a small barnacle, and an edible seaweed species (Chavanich et al. 2010). Competes for space with shore species including limpets, anemones, and seaweeds (Fofonoff et al. 2003; Branch and Steffani 2004).

In Langebaan Lagoon, South Africa, mussel beds of *M. galloprovincialis* replaces naturally-occurring sandbank communities with communities more typical of rocky shores (Robinson and Griffiths 2002).

Provides habitat to species small enough to live and reproduce on mussels and mussel beds. Provides an additional source of food for predators (Branch and Steffani 2004).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 Chavanich et al. 2010 DAFF 2016 Shinen 2007 Geller 1999 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 Robinson and Griffiths 2002

4.2 Impact on habitat for other species

Choice: Moderate – Causes or has potential to cause changes to one or more habitats

B

Score:

1.75 of

2.5

Ranking Rationale:

Background Information:

By creating mussel beds, provides habitat for infaunal species, increasing overall infaunal biomass and abundance (Branch and Steffani 2004).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004

4.3 Impact on ecosystem function and processes

Choice: Limited – Causes or potentially causes changes to food webs and/or ecosystem functions, with limited impact and/or within a very limited region

C

Score:
0.75 of

2.5

Ranking Rationale:

M. galloprovincialis usually replaces very similar native organisms in function. Effects on ecosystems is likely to be most pronounced in areas with no native mussel species.

Background Information:

Impacts seem most pronounced in ecosystems where no native mussel species were present. For example, in central and southern Japan, invasion of *M. galloprovincialis* resulted in the mass deposition of pseudofeces in the sediment, creating hypoxic conditions (Chavanich et al. 2010). A study of mussel farms in the Iberian Peninsula showed that production of biodeposits increased natural sedimentation rates in the area, but this effect was partially counteracted by swift water currents (Zúñiga et al. 2014). Mussel biodeposits are high in nutrients and an important part of nutrient cycling in marine environments. Indeed, a study by Jansen et al. (2012) found that 1/3 of organic nutrients in biodeposits can be mineralized and thereby become available for primary producers. Through filter feeding, improves water quality.

Sources:

Jansen et al. 2012 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003 Zuniga et al. 2014

4.4 Impact on high-value, rare, or sensitive species and/or communities

Choice: No impact

D

Score:
0 of

2.5

Ranking Rationale:

To date, no impacts on high-value, rare, or sensitive species have been reported for *M. galloprovincialis*.

Background Information:

No information found.

Sources:

None listed

4.5 Introduction of diseases, parasites, or travelers

What level of impact could the species' associated diseases, parasites, or travelers have on other species in the assessment area? Is it a host and/or vector for recognized pests or pathogens, particularly other nonnative organisms?)

Choice: Limited – Has limited potential to spread one or more organisms, with limited impact and/or within a very limited region

C

Score:
0.75 of

2.5

High uncertainty?

Ranking Rationale:

Has been shown to host parasites in other locations. Unsure as to whether these parasites would survive or propagate in the Bering Sea.

Background Information:

Experimentally cultured mussels were found to host the parasites *Marteilia refringens* and the trematode *Proctoeces maculatus* (Villalba et al. 1997). *M. refringens* can also infect the blue mussel *M. edulis*. While mussels are usually not adversely affected by this parasite, in France mortalities up to 100% were associated with heavy infection rates.

Sources:

Villalba et al. 1997 Culloty et al. 1999

4.6 Level of genetic impact on native species

Can this invasive species hybridize with native species?

Choice: Moderate – Causes or has potential to cause genetic changes in one or more species, with moderate impact and/or within only a portion of the region
B

Score:
1.75 of
2.5

Ranking Rationale:

Has been known to hybridize with numerous *Mytilus* species.

Background Information:

In Britain and Ireland, hybridizes with *M. edilus*. In western North America and in the northwest Pacific, hybridizes with *M. trossulus*, sometimes at very high frequencies (up to 70%). Although rates of F1 (first-generation hybrids) are often high, frequency of F2 hybrids is small, indicating that little genetic exchange is occurring between the two species (Rawson et al. 1999; Brannock and Hilbish 2010). This result could indicate poor survival or reduced fertility of hybrids, due to genetic incompatibility (Rawson et al. 1999). However, introgression between *M. galloprovincialis* and *M. trossulus* has been quite limited, and effects of hybridization with *M. trossulus* and *M. edilus* do not seem to go beyond the hybrid zone (Rawson et al. 1999; Hilbish et al. 2002). Hybridization has also been observed between native Southern Hemisphere *M. galloprovincialis* and introduced Northeast Atlantic lineages at several locations near ports in New Zealand. This introgression is considered a threat to the genetic biodiversity of native mussel populations, particularly on remote southern ocean islands, which harbors unique genetic lineages (Gardner et al. 2016). In South Africa, hybridization with indigenous species is deemed unlikely (DAFF 2016).

Sources:

Branch and Steffani 2004 Brannock and Hilbish 2010 DAFF 2016 Gardner et al. 2016 Hilbish et al. 2002

4.7 Infrastructure

Choice: High – Is known to cause degradation to infrastructure and/or is expected to have severe impacts and/or will impact the entire region
A

Score:
3 of
3

Ranking Rationale:

Fouling organism found on ships, docks, jetties, pipes, and industrial water systems.

Background Information:

Mytilus spp. are abundant and common fouling organisms on ships, docks, jetties, pipes, and industrial water systems (Woods Hole 1952). *M. galloprovincialis* has been found in Japanese power plants causing major expenses due to damage and cleaning (Iwasaki 2006). Its impacts on infrastructure may be difficult to recognize in areas where it has replaced *M. trossulus*.

Sources:

Woods Hole 1952 Iwasaki 2006 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

4.8 Commercial fisheries and aquaculture

Choice: Limited – Has limited potential to cause degradation to fisheries and aquaculture, and/or is restricted to a limited region
C

Score:
0.75 of

3

Ranking Rationale:

Can cause a decrease in the abundance of other aquaculture species.

Background Information:

Interferes with aquaculture of other species, such as oysters (Chavanich et al. 2010). In Japan, growth of *M. galloprovincialis* led to a 35% reduction of oyster aquaculture (worth about 500 million Japanese yen). At the same time, cultivation of *M. galloprovincialis* is extensive in Japan. No negative impacts on commercial fisheries have been reported in South Africa (DAFF 2016). Introduction is usually positive from an economic perspective, because of its higher growth rates compared to native mussels (Fofonoff et al. 2003; DAFF 2016).

Sources:

Chavanich et al. 2010 DAFF 2016 NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

4.9 Subsistence

Choice: Limited – Has limited potential to cause degradation to subsistence resources, with limited impact and/or within a very limited region
C

Score:
0.75 of

3

Ranking Rationale:

Linked to declines of bait species.

Background Information:

In South Africa, *M. galloprovincialis* has had a negative impact on the limpet *S. granularis*, a bait species employed by traditional artisanal fishers (DAFF 2016). Higher growth rates of *M. galloprovincialis* relative to the local mussel species, has almost certainly contributed significantly to the success of the local mussel culture operations.

Sources:

DAFF 2016

4.101 Recreation

Choice: No impact
D

Score:
0 of

3

Ranking Rationale:

To date, no impacts on recreation have been reported.

Background Information:

No information available in the literature.

Sources:

None listed

4.11 Human health and water quality

Choice: Limited – Has limited potential to pose a threat to human health, with limited impact and/or within a very limited region
C

Score:
0.75 of
3

Ranking Rationale:

Cases of PSP and other shellfish syndromes are rare in Alaska. Current regulations and safety procedures greatly reduce the risk of bacterial transmission, especially in cultivated mussels. Recreational harvesting of shellfish in the Bering Sea is limited.

Background Information:

All bivalves can bioaccumulate toxins in their tissues as a result of consuming toxic dinoflagellates. Consuming raw or cooked bivalves can lead to Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP), which can cause health issues and even death (NIMPIS 2009). The state of Alaska discourages harvesting on untested beaches (ADEC 2013).

Sources:

NIMPIS 2009 ADEC 2013

Section Total - Scored Points:	12.75
Section Total - Possible Points:	30
Section Total -Data Deficient Points:	0

5. Feasibility of prevention, detection and control

5.1 History of management, containment, and eradication

Choice: Attempted; control methods are currently in development/being studied

C

Score: of

Ranking Rationale:

Controlling the spread of invasive species that use anthropogenic vectors for transport is an active area of research (e.g. Ruiz and Reid 2007, Hagan et al. 2014).

Background Information:

Mussels populations are hard to control for due to their large distributions, high fecundity and easily dispersed larvae (Picker and Griffiths 2011 as qtd. in DAFF 2016). Difficulty differentiating between *M. galloprovincialis* and native *Mytilus* species may complicate control efforts. There is also the potential of further introductions through pathways such as ballast water. In areas where *M. galloprovincialis* is farmed, the use of sterile triploid and tetraploid mussels, which have been recently developed by the aquaculture industry, helps prevent the spread of larvae into the wild.

Sources:

DAFF 2016 Ruiz and Reid 2007 Hagan et al. 2014

5.2 Cost and methods of management, containment, and eradication

Choice: Major long-term investment, or is not feasible at this time

A

Score: of

Ranking Rationale:

Methods to control the spread of marine invasive species (e.g. through ballast water treatment or vessel cleaning) are being studied, and currently necessitate major long-term investments (Zagdan 2010; Hagan et al. 2014).

Background Information:

Treatment of ballast water and anti-fouling methods would help prevent spread.

Sources:

GISD 2016b Zagdan 2010 Hagan et al. 2014

5.3 Regulatory barriers to prevent introductions and transport

Choice: Regulatory oversight, but compliance is voluntary

B

Score: of

Ranking Rationale:

This species can be transported by several anthropogenic vectors. Currently, compliance with hull fouling regulations are largely voluntary.

Background Information:

Regulations exist regarding the transport and introduction of shellfish in water bodies. Under Alaska law, a permit must be obtained from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in order to collect, possess, or transport shellfish for educational, scientific, or propagative uses. Ballast water management is mandatory and regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard (CFR 33 § 151.2). However, compliance with ship fouling regulations are largely voluntary (Hagan et al. 2014).

Sources:

Hagan et al. 2014 CFR 2017

5.4 Presence and frequency of monitoring programs

Choice: No surveillance takes place

A

Score: of

Ranking Rationale:

Background Information:

No informations available in the literature.

Sources:

None listed

5.5 Current efforts for outreach and education

Choice: No education or outreach takes place

A

Score: of

Ranking Rationale:

Background Information:

No education or outreach material found. Not on the list of 50 priority species by the Washington Invasive Species Council. Not listed on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website or on the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia website. This species often co-occurs with native mussels and is hard to differentiate from other Mytilus species.

Sources:

NEMESIS; Fofonoff et al. 2003

Section Total - Scored Points:

Section Total - Possible Points:

Section Total -Data Deficient Points:

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