MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

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Key Responsibilities

1) Monitor new introductions by conducting field biological sampling in coastal water

2) Monitor spread of existing NIS

3) Publicize data and analysis

4) Assess ballast water controls

Main Points

Recent Surveys
 Future of our Program
 Special Studies
 Accessing our data

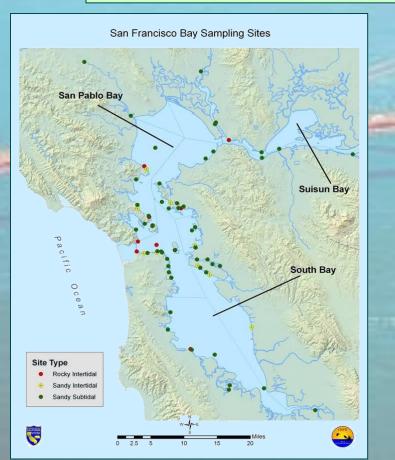
Recent Field Surveys

Bays & Harbors Survey					Outer Coast Survey				San Francisco Bay Survey			
 52 Sites 18 Bays & Harbors 11% of 775 species introduced 					 22 Sites areas impacted by ballast water <1% of 1,225 species introduced 				 50 Sites Multiple habitats 20% of 497 species introduced 			
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San Francisco Bay Survey

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SF Bay is the most invaded estuary on the West Coast of North America



4 Habitat Types

- Rocky Intertidal
- Sandy Intertidal
- Subtidal Fouling
- Subtidal Infaunal

Methods

- Sediment Grabs
- Quadrat Clearing
- Qualitative Samples during visual scans

San Francisco Bay Survey

20% of 497 Species Sampled were Introduced

4 New Invasive Species in SF Bay

Caprella simia

Grateloupia lanceolata





Amphibalanus eburneus

Nicolea sp A Harris





San Francisco Bay Pilot Study

Joint study with:

Greg Ruiz, SERC San Francisco Bay Settling Plates (a.k.a Artificial Fouling Plates)

Jon Geller, MLML Molecular Genetic Analysis



Settling Plates
Hard-substrate clearing
Plankton Samples





Pilot Study

Traditional, Morphological-Based Method

Molecular Genetic Analysis





Slow Turnaround TimeDifficult to Identify:

damaged specimens,
juvenile specimens, &
morphologically identical species
Many of Worlds Species Undiscovered!

Cost-Efficient, Faster & More Accurate

NCBI

New Monitoring Design

Previous Design

- To create baseline and track NAS
- Not designed to measure spatial, temporal, and taxonomic species diversity

New Design

- Based on methods developed in Pilot Study
- Aim to measure and statistically test for species richness
- Sample design will improve by including: *Stratified Random Sampling Increased Replication*

Able to test key questions about NAS in CA and understand invasion dynamics in CA

New Monitoring Design

Key Questions

- Is the rate of new introductions increasing?
- What is the pattern of spread across estuaries and habitat types?
- What is the relative strength of different vectors over time, and
- What is the efficacy of management actions (e.g., ballast water management)

Special Study Vector Analysis

Is California the 1st point of entry for NAS into western North America?



What is the relative contribution of different introduction vectors over time?

Vector Analysis



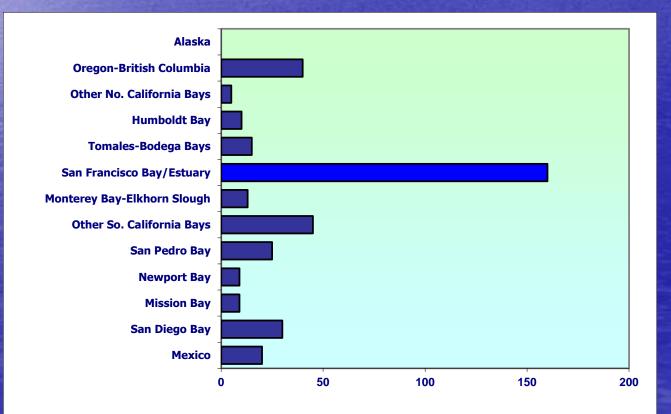
Vector Analysis Results

California is the 1st Point of Entry for most NIS

79% of 290 established NIS 1st recorded in CA

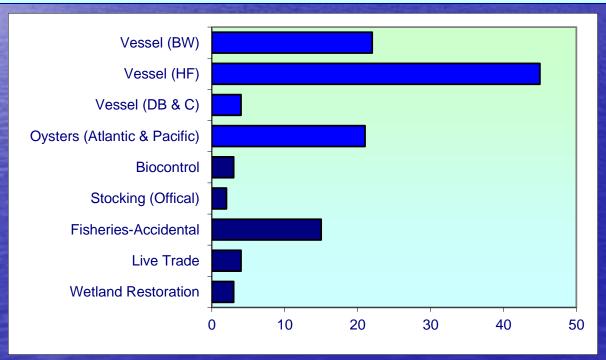
Vector Analysis Results

SF Bay 1st point of entry into California for 65% of NAS



Vector Analysis Results

48% of ALL introduced taxa come to CA by Shipping Vectors



81% of invasive species pathways include ships as a sole or multiple vector

Access Our Data Legislative Report Due Every 3 Years

2011 TRIENNIAL REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S MARINE INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Submitted to the CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE as required by the Coastal Ecosystems Protection Act of 2006

Prepared and submitted by the California Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response Marine Invasive Species Program

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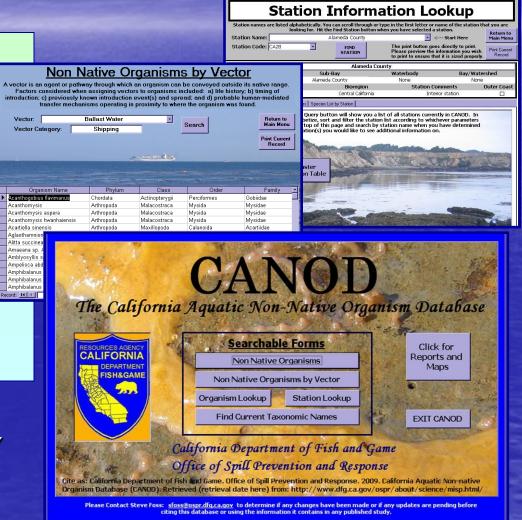
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CANOD California Aquatic Non-native Organism Database

Includes:

- Name of species
- Location observed
- Date of introduction
- Vectors of introduction
- Native region

<u>WWW.DFG.CA.GOV/OSPR</u> Link to "Invasive Species"



CANOD & NEMESIS

NEMESIS: National Exotic Marine and Estuarine Species Information System Smithsonian Environmental Research Center



Please Contact Steve Foss: <u>sfoss@ospr.dfq.ca.qov</u> to determine if any changes have been made or if any updates are pending before citing this database or using the information it contains in any published study.



1) OC Survey indicated no major threats

- 2) The 2010 SF Survey revealed 20% (98) NAS and found 4 new invasive species
- 3) New monitoring design is modeled after our SF Bay pilot study and aims to measure and statistically test for species richness
- 4) California is the first point of entry for most NAS along the western North American coast

5) SF Bay is the first point of entry into California for 65% of CA's NAS

6) Our database, CANOD, can be found at: <u>WWW.DFG.CA.GOV/OSPR</u> Link to "Invasive Species"

QUESTIONS?

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