



Hancock & Sand Ponds Association



Invasive Species Committee Report – July
2025

Courtesy Boat Inspection Report – 2024 Season



- 378 boats inspected in 2024
- 3 plant fragments found, 0 invasive
- Our grant for 2025 is \$3500, an increase of \$500 from 2024.
- Thank you for your past and continued financial support of the Invasive Species program.
- Resources about invasive species can be found at mainelakes.org

Courtesy Boat Inspection Report – You Can Help!



- LEA staffing challenges made it difficult to fill all shifts. The weekends after Labor Day were a significant challenge.
- Need for volunteers for boat inspections and pond watching.
- Please email me at [mgatey84@ gmail.com](mailto:mgatey84@gmail.com) time spent pond watching. This helps with our grant application.

Research



- 6 Lake Associations
- New England Milfoil Company
- Downeast Lakes Land Trust
- LEA
- Invasive Species Summit

Best Practice Findings



- Robust CBI Program
- CBI Donation Fund
- Volunteer CBI Team
- Pond Watchers
- Professional Plant Surveys
- Mitigation Contingency Reserve

Recommendations



- Continue Current Practices
- **Annual LEA Plant Survey**
- **Create Contingency Reserve**

