Status: Invasive Aquatic Plants in Maine

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2018 DEP Updates

• Infestation status/new finds
• Boat inspection highlights
• Legislation and initiatives
Cobosseecontee Lake, Winthrop
Eurasian water-milfoil

(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)
Cobbescontee Lake-Area Closed to Seining (2019)
Cobbossee’s Double Whammy

European frog’s-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)
EFB habit
EFB removal
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## CBI 2018

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Legislation and Initiatives

• Invasive species bills before IFW Committee: three defeated, one ought to pass
• Regional eDNA for invasive species monitoring
• Boat inspection data collection continues to move toward electronic entry; use of app
• DEP promotion of Clean, Drain, Dry
• Milfoil Summit on April 26, at USM/Lewiston
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