

23rd Annual
Maine Summit on Invasive Aquatic Species

April 18th, 2025

University of Southern Maine, Lewiston-Auburn Campus

8:30 Registration Opens

9:00 Welcoming Address and summit overview– Colin Holme, Lakes Environmental Association

9:10 MDEP updates and changes – John McPhedran and Chris Reily

9:35 Warden Service Efforts relating to AIS – Jeremy Kemp, MDIFW

9:55 LSM’s travel team initiatives and rapid response plans – Brett Willard, Lake Stewards of Maine

10:15 Break

10:30 Wesserunsett Fanwort – Eric Lahti

10:45 DNA identification of invasive aquatic species, Dr. Lucas Bernacki, Saint Joseph’s College

11:10 Panel Discussion Toni Pied (moderator), Maine Department of Environmental Protection

- John McPhedran, MDEP
- Chris Reily, MDEP
- Brett Willard, LSM
- Dakota Stankowski, MDIFW
- Jeremy Kemp, MDIFW
- Luc Bernacki

12:00 CBI Coordinator training – Mary Jewett (LEA)

- This training is required for CBI grant recipients