



Jassa marmorata

Tube dwelling amphipod

Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
 - Can compete with native marine organisms for food and space
 - Studies have also shown that Amphipods may play important roles in determining the type and distribution of algal communities, particularly where predation pressure is low (Molnar 2008)
2. Invasive potential
 - Juveniles are responsible for short distance dispersal
 - Low potential for local dispersal of adults - once inoculated into an area, they tend to remain a local invasive species at the point of inoculation (Molnar 2008)
3. Geographic extent
 - Locally pervasive
4. Management difficulty
 - Little info on control and management
 - Ballast treatment may be key to preventing long distance spread



Geography and Habitat

1. Origin: North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea
2. Introduced: Alaska to California
3. Habitats
 - Marine, fouling communities

Invasion Pathways

1. Ballast Water and Sediments
2. Hull/Surface Fouling
3. Natural Spread

Non native locations

1. 54- Gulf of Alaska
2. 56- Puget Trough/Georgia Basin
3. 58- Northern California

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