



Antithamnionella spirographidis

Red algae, a rhodophyta

Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
 - A very rapid vegetative reproduction accounts for its success
 - May cause fouling in marinas
2. Invasive potential
 - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range
 - Although ephemeral, this species spreads by fragmentation and the rapid production of new thalli
3. Geographic extent
 - Locally patchy
4. Management difficulty
 - Cleaning hulls prevents spread, but once established in marine environment
 - No known eradication controls



Geography and Habitat

1. Origin: North Pacific
2. Introduced: Alaska
3. Habitats
 - Marine, estuaries/bays, fouling communities

Invasion Pathways

1. Stocking in open waters - oyster farming
2. Hull/Surface fouling

Non native locations

1. 55- N. American Pacific Fjordland

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