Botrylloides violaceus

Orange or red sheath tunicate

General
1. Marine, colonial tunicate
2. Forms flat sheets that are irregular in outline and adhere to the substrate
3. Large colonies reaching up to a third of a meter in diameter

Geography and Habitat
1. Native: Japan, southern Siberia to southern China
2. Introduced: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Maine, New York, Oregon, Washington
3. Habitat
    - Found on rocks, pilings, floats, others in bays and harbors, near low-tide line and below
    - Salinity range of 26 - 34 ppt and a temperature range of 8 - 25°C

Invasion Pathways
1. Shipping

Sources
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