Busycotypus canaliculatus

Bryozoan

Threat Scores

1. Ecological Impact
    - Serious predator of native clams, mussels and oysters
2. Invasive Potential
    - Egg cases may drift in water column, aiding dispersal
3. Geographic Extent
    - Regionally patchy
4. Management Difficulty
    - No known controls in marine environment

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Cape Cod, Massachusetts to St. Augustine, Florida
2. Introduced: San Francisco Bay, California
3. Habitat
    - Marine, intertidal zones
    - Found in subtidal and intertidal zones, buried in or crawling on mud and sand bottoms

Invasion Pathways

1. Stocking in open water
2. Human assisted pathways

Non-Native Locations

1. 58- Northern California

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