Ectopleura crocea

Pink Hearted Hydroid

Threat scores

1. Ecological impact
    - A fouling organism
2. Invasive potential
    - A fouling organism requiring assisted transport to expand alien range
3. Geographic extent
    - Regionally pervasive
4. Management difficulty
    - No known methods for eradicating established populations

Geography and Habitat

1. Origin: USA - Chesapeake Bay, Virginia, Gulf of Mexico, Bay of Funday, Nova Scotia to Cape Hatteras, Florida
2. Introduced: California

Invasion Pathways

1. Stocking in open waters
2. Hull/Surface fouling
3. Natural spread

Non native locations

1. 59- Southern California Bight

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