



DAY 1: Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026 8:45am – 5:00pm

Meeting location	New Jersey Water Supply Authority 1851 Route 31 Clinton, NJ 08809
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Desired Outcome of Day 1:

- Review and approve Fall 2026 Agenda and [Spring 2026 Meeting Minutes](#), membership updates, revisit action items from the Spring 2026 Meeting.
 - Update on status of MAPAIS 2026 grant awards.
 - Briefing on AIS issues with focus on NJ.
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8:45	Welcome, Roll Call, & Introductions Rob Emens (Panel Chair) Sean Hartzell (Panel Vice Chair) Jenn Doudney (Panel Coordinator)	15 minutes
9:00	Old Business Rob Emens (Panel Chair), • Review and approve agenda	30 minutes



- Review and approve [Spring 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- Establish F&A rate cap on RFP (Mike Mangold)
- Website migration
- APNEP membership / amend SOP (section VI a)

9:30	New Business Rob Emens (Panel Chair), Sean Hartzell (Panel Vice-Chair)	30 minutes
	• Field Guide App opportunity (Sara Stahlman) • Small Grant Program – RFP ad hoc committee • Officer elections – Nomination Committee (Steven Pearson)	
10:00	MAPAIS 2026 Small Grant Program Update Jenn Doudney Matthew Trommatter	10 minutes
10:10	ANS Task Force update Susan Pasko (ANSTF Coordinator)	20 minutes
10:30	Break	30 minutes
11:00	NAS Program update for Mid-Atlantic Region Ian Pfingsten (USGS - Gainesville, FL)	30 minutes
11:30	Clinging Jellyfish Joseph Bilinski (NJDEP Division of Science and Research)	30 minutes
12:00	Lunch	
1:30	Archway Snakehead Eradication Samantha MacQuesten (NJDEP-NJ Fish and Wildlife)	30 minutes
2:00	Silty Pond Mussel update: eradication + eDNA Mario Hernandez (Rutgers University)	30 minutes
2:30	From Detection to Rapid Response: Tracking Aquatic Invasive Plants Across New Jersey Emily Mayer (NJDEP Bureau of Freshwater and Biological Monitoring)	30 minutes



- 3:00** Break **30 minutes**
- 3:30** Spatial Ecology of Northern Snakehead (*Channa argus*) in the Delaware River Estuary, USA
Ed Hale (Delaware Sea Grant)
- 4:00** The Susquehanna River Anadromous Fish Restoration Cooperative (SRAFR) Priority Invasive Fish Species Action Plan
Dr. Sheila Eyler (USFWS)
- 4:30** TBD
- 4:45** Public comments **15 minutes**
- 5:00** Recess



DAY 2: Thursday Oct 15, 2026 8:30am – 4:30pm

Desired Outcome of Day 2:

- Review updates, challenges, and input from MAPAIS members.
 - Initial planning for Spring 2026 meeting.
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8:30 Welcome, Roll Call, & Follow up from Day 1
Rob Emens (Panel Chair)

10 minutes

8:40 State Updates

Delaware

Governmental Representative

Mike Steiger (DE Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control)

Academic Representative

Greg Shriver (University of Delaware)

Maryland

Governmental Representatives

Jay Kilian (MD Invasive Species Council)

Jonathan McKnight (MD Dept. of Natural Resources)

Academic Representative

Mike Allen (MD Sea Grant)

New Jersey

Governmental Representatives

Heather Desko (NJ Water Supply Authority)

Samantha MacQuesten (NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife)

Academic Representatives

Julie Lockwood (Rutgers University)

New York



Governmental Representative

Steven Pearson (NY Department of Environmental Conservation)

Academic Representative

None

North Carolina

Governmental Representative

Rob Emens (NC Department of Environmental Quality)

Academic Representative

Sara Mirabilio (NC Sea Grant)

Pennsylvania

Governmental Representatives

Kristopher Abell (PA Dept. of Agriculture)

Matthew Shank (PA Dept. of Environmental Protection)

Sean Hartzell (PA Fish and Boat Commission)

Academic Representative

Sarah Whitney (PA Sea Grant)

Virginia

Governmental Representatives

Kevin Heffernan (Dept. of Conservation and Recreation)

Academic Representatives

Bryan Brown (Virginia Tech)

West Virginia

Governmental Representatives

Katie Zipfel (WV Division of Natural Resources)

Academic Representatives

None

10:00 Break

30 minutes



10:30 Federal updates

30 minutes

Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)

Represented by

Tara Whitsel (ACOE)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Represented by

???

Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Represented by

Mike Mangold (USFWS)

Forest Service (FS)

Represented by

None

Maritime Administration (DOT-MA)

Represented by

Afnan Khairullah (DOT)

MAPAIS Representative

Carolyn Junemann (DOT)

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Represented by

None

National Park Service (NPS)

Represented by

Aleksandra Voznitza (NPS)

US Department of Agriculture (USDA-APHIS-WS)

Represented by

Marnie Pepper (Animal & Plant Inspection Health Inspection Service)



11:00 Regional/Non-Government and At-Large Members Updates **15 minutes**

Chesapeake Bay Program

Represented by

Mark Lewandowski (MD Dept. of Natural Resources)

Susquehanna River Basin Commission

Represented by

Aaron Henning (Susquehanna River Basin Commission)

At-Large Members

Represented by

11:15 Next meeting (Spring 2027) **15 minutes**

- Format / location?
- Date?

11:30 Public comments **15 minutes**

11:45 Guidance for field trip **15 minutes**

12:00 Adjourn Meeting

Depart for Field Trip to NJ Fish and Wildlife Pequest Trout Hatchery

Arrive at hatchery by 1:30 (~30 minutes drive from meeting location): Where more than 700,000 trout are raised each year! The program includes a session on identification and biology, a 15-minute video showing behind-the-scenes operations at the facility and will end with a guided tour of the hatchery grounds. Fishing available in education pond (1+ hour tour, plus fishing, optional hikes, etc.)

<https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/fishing/freshwater/visiting-the-pequest-trout-hatchery-and-natural-resource-education-center/>