



**NORTHEAST WATER CHESTNUT WEB**  
**WATER CHESTNUT LAWS/REGULATIONS:**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

**ENFORCEMENT and IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS**

TOOL	*AQUATIC LIFE	*PLANTS
<b>ENFORCEMENT and IMPLEMENTATION</b>		
A. Enforcement Mechanisms		
1. Fines	X	X
2. Civil penalties		
3. Imprisonment	X	
4. Misdemeanor/Infraction		
5. Felony		
6. Compensation for damages		
7. Positive incentives		
B. Specific State Implementation Funds		

\* "Aquatic Life" includes laws and regulations addressing invasive aquatic species (animal and plant) as well as the state regulation of ballast water. "Plants" includes all invasive plants, as well as laws and regulations addressing biological control agents or the introduction of living organisms as control agents.

**CREDIT:** Information sources include state natural resource management agencies, Northeast Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species and Environmental Law Institute report: *Halting the Invasion - State Tools for Invasive Species Management* (2002)