

Proposed Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations Workshop

3/15/21

Attendees

Katie DeGoosh DEM-presenter
Jillian Thompson DEM -presenter
Christine Dudley DEM- Q&A
Lauren Miller-Donnelly DEM-moderator
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Gail DeGoosh

Important links mentioned in chat

Rhode Island Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/pdf/aisplan.pdf>

Link to Freshwater Invasive Aquatic Plants Regulations draft:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/pn/pn-draft-rulemaking-invasive-plants-250-RICR-60-00-11.pdf>

List of Selected Plants Currently in RI:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/quality/surfwg/pdfs/aisridist.pdf>

Breaking Down Barriers to Proactive and Consistent Risk Assessments of Invasive Plants in the Northeast U.S., Umass Amherst, Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (Webinar presented February 24, 2021) <https://www.umass.edu/necsc/webinars/breaking-down-barriers-proactive-and-consistent-risk-assessments-invasive-plants-northeast>

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Stakeholder Feedback

Sally Johnson Representing RI Wild Plant Society

Nancy Mitchell represent URI watershed watch and URI Master gardener

Sally Johnson: commend you on this work. Step forward in stopping aquatic species to all invasive species. She is fully in favor of this work

Nancy Mitchell: Waterman lake in Northern Rhode Island. Lily plant has taken over the last couple of years. How can we set up something how to establish volunteer action.

David Gregg: Natural History Survey is the Chair on the Invasive Species Council. He seconds the hard work in getting to this point. Coordination with other states is commended and is “going to be the future” anyway

He is glad there I already regulations on boats and trailers addressing the accidental transport of AIS

His comment is on the definition of possess. With the many commas in that statement it could be misinterpreted: manage or cultivate with the intent to offer for sale to other persons by means of activities including by not limited to: planting, pruning, fertilization or propagation.

Kate McPhearson: Save The Bay: hopes this will lead to land-based invasive plants regs. Hoping there can be alternative species lists or sources for nurseries to encourage native plant sales over non-native.

Sally, The state does not have a single plant list together. She volunteers at several botanical gardens and has her own lotus in a potted water garden. Many people have these as they are beautiful and plentiful. Some gardens are sending away volunteers with pieces of lotus to take home.

Katie Rodrigue: Awesome work, she works for DEM but does her own koi garden. Has questions about a few of the plants: water hyacinth. Water lettuce etc. She thought they cannot withstand cold weather/ harsh winters in RI. Can we suggest alternatives since water hyacinth provides lots of oxygen and protection for her koi.