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## **State establishes quarantine for five aquatic invasive plants**

(Palmer, AK) – The Alaska Division of Agriculture has established a quarantine at the boundaries of Alaska to prevent the entry and spread of five specific aquatic invasive weeds. Management efforts are being implemented to address current Elodea infestations and establishing the quarantine stops further importation of the pests listed below which are popular for use in classrooms and in the aquarium trade. The Division of Agriculture is in the process of amending current Plant Health and Quarantine Regulations (11 AAC34) and will be adding the five aquatic plants below to the Noxious Weed listing. For additional information go to <http://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/elodea.htm>.

Quarantined aquatic Invasive plants listed below.

- Canadian waterweed (*Elodea canadensis*)
- Western nuttallii (*Elodea nuttallii*)
- Brazilian waterweed (*Egeria densa*)
- Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*)
- Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

This list is comprised of the most recent and accepted scientific and common names of the quarantine plant species. Regulated status also applies to all synonyms of these botanical names.

**QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS:** It is prohibited to import, transport, buy, sell, offer for sale, or distribute plants or plant parts of the regulated species within the state of Alaska. It is further prohibited to intentionally transplant wild plants and/or plant parts of these species within the state of Alaska.

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**EXTERIOR QUARANTINE OF AQUATIC INVASIVE WEEDS**

Authority: AS 03.05.010	11 AAC 34.130
AS 03.05.027	11 AAC 34.140
AS 03.05.040	11 AAC 34.160
AS 44.37.030	11 AAC 34.170
AS 03.05.090	AAC 34.115

**Establishment of Quarantine:** The Director of the Division of Agriculture under the authority as the State Quarantine Officer hereby establishes a quarantine at the boundaries of Alaska to prevent the entry of the following aquatic invasive weeds.

PEST: Aquatic plants listed below.

Canadian waterweed	( <i>Elodea Canadensis</i> )
Western nuttallii	( <i>Elodea nuttallii</i> )
Brazilian waterweed	( <i>Egeria densa</i> )
Hydrilla	( <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> )
Eurasian watermilfoil	( <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> )

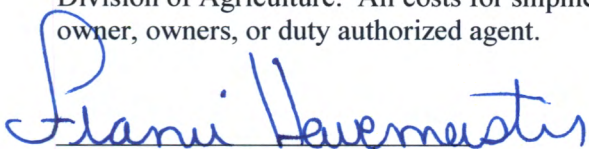
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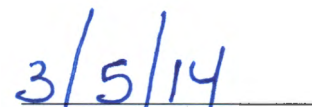
STATES REGULATED: ALL

MATERIALS REGULATED: All plants and plant parts of the regulated plants.

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DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS: All shipments of quarantined articles arriving in Alaska in violation of this quarantine shall be immediately shipped out of the state or destroyed by burning or other method approved by the Division of Agriculture. All costs for shipment out of state or destruction shall be performed at the expense of the owner, owners, or duty authorized agent.

  
Franci Havemeister, Director

  
Date