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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.

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