

Species Assessment Group - Summary of group ratings

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Species: *Caulerpa taxifolia* (Killer algae, Aquarium-Mediterranean strain)

Ratings for Criteria - 1st round	Kristy	Bob F	John	Susan	Tim	Bill	Laura	Tony	Bob	Shawn	Phil
1. Current status and distribution	4	4	1	4	1	4	4	4	4	4	2
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2. Establishment potential	1	1	1	1	ii	1	1	1	ii	1	1
3. Damage potential	1	4	1	1	ii	4	1	ii	ii	1	1
4. Prevention and control potential	1	4	1	4	ii	4	4	ii	ii	4	2
5. Socioeconomic impacts	1	4	3	1	4	ii	1	ii	ii	1	1

Ratings for Classification	NR	NR	NR	NR	W	P	NR	P	ii	NR	NR
Totals - 1st round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted	
Number of votes	2						1			7	

Ratings for Classification	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	ii	NR	NR
Totals - 2nd round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted	
Number of votes	0			0			0			10	

Final Recommended Classification :

Non-restricted

Comments

General comment - Concerns with salinity tolerances and ability to adapt.

5-There is not a lot of info about this species, but I wonder if it can survive in a WI lake.

6 – know how harmful it is within the range; has seen brackish species adapt; has gotten lots of attention in marine environment; has seen “golden browns” survive in freshwater that were “supposed to be just brackish species.” Monitor California populations near Bay.

10 – NR due to salinity.

11 - NR because it's a marine species.