

Species Assessment Group - Summary of group ratings

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Species: *Limnobium spongia* (Frog's-bit, American spongeplant)

Ratings for Criteria - 1st round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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1. Current status and distribution	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
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2. Establishment potential	3	1	2	4	3	3	4	4	2	1	4
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3. Damage potential	4	2	3	4	4	4	4	3	2	3	4
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4. Prevention and control potential	4	2	4	4	2	3	4	4	4	2	4
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5. Socioeconomic impacts	3	2	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	1	4
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Ratings for Classification	P	W	R	P	P	P	P	P	W	NR	P
Totals - 1st round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted	
Number of votes	7			1			2			1	

Ratings for Classification	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	NR	W
Totals - 2nd round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted	
Number of votes	0			0			10			1	

Final Recommended Classification :

Watch

Comments

8-Not detected in WI but has high potential to become established once it arrives.

5-I am not sure of the ability of this species to establish in WI, but because there are no known infestations and it is found in IL, I believe we should prohibit it.

2-been within NE states for many years; in some places where it has been it has disappeared; 3 locations in the extreme southern tip of IL (with comment: one of there rarest plants); 4 places in Missouri; not common where it survives or out of zone 7; does not see it as a realistic threat in WI; no indication of rapid spread even in tropic

5-not in Wisconsin currently; doesn't think it'll be a big problem getting ride of it if it gets here.

7-would move to W if its not going to make it [overwinter].

10-used commonly in the water garden industry; listed as zone 6; tropical plant; he rarely uses it; has not returned to ponds where he's planted it; can't verify if it has overwintered; listed as a "tropical."