South Carolina State Report (Freshwater Invasive Plants) GSARP Meeting, Gulf Shores, AL, Nov. 30 – Dec. 1, 2022

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We have increased to a three person staff with the addition of a technician.

Since the last meeting, we have been working steadily and treated or arranged the treatment of the following:

- 72 acres of alligatorweed on the Ashepoo River.
- 191 acres of water hyacinth, water primrose, *Hydrilla*, fanwort, and miscellaneous tussock vegetation on Back River Reservoir.
- 160 acres of water hyacinth, water primrose, and alligatorweed on Black River and Black Mingo Creek.
- 114 acres of *Hydrilla*, *Elodea*, fanwort, water hyacinth, and water primrose on the Cooper River.
- 76 acres of water hyacinth on the Combahee River.
- 130 acres of water hyacinth, water primrose, spatterdock, duckweed, *Hygrophila*, common salvinia, and water lettuce in Goose Creek Reservoir.
- 130 acres of water hyacinth on the Waccamaw River.
- 2500 acres of *Phragmites* on Santee Coastal WMA via helicopter.
- 154 acres of giant salvinia, *Hydrilla*, crested floating heart, and milfoil on Santee Cooper WMA.
- 92 aces of giant salvinia and crested floating heart on Hatchery WMA.
- 8 acres of miscellaneous vegetation on Potato Creek WMA to clear ramps and duck boxes.
- 38 acres of water hyacinth in Brookgreen Gardens, whose waterways lead to the Waccamaw River.
- 16 acres of spatterdock on Lake Cunningham to improve fishing access
- 40 acres of water primrose on Lyman Lake.
- 16 acres of cutgrass and phragmites on Huntington Beach State Park lakes.

We will be doing community outreach at the Southeastern Wildlife Expo in February in Charleston and at the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic in March in Columbia.