

GULF & SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL PANEL ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

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Alabama Freshwater Update

Alabama ANS Management Plan

- Comments from various groups are still being addressed regarding the Alabama Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan and we hope once again to finally have it completed.

Island Apple Snails

- Nine applications of EPA-approved aquatic herbicides (combination of glyphosate and 2, 4 D along with applications of Imazapyr) have been sprayed on emergent plants since spring 2011 at Langan Park, Mobile County (e.g., giant cutgrass, cattails, water primrose, water hyacinth, etc). The entire lake margin continues to be treated (upper and lower pool) to reduce/eliminate egg laying habitat.
- Copper sulfate continues to be applied with 8 treatments at Langan Park and 4 at the Blakely Forest Subdivision since spring 2011. The number of apple snails collected in traps continues to decrease.

AIS Collections

- A bighead carp was caught by an angler in the Mobile River, Mobile Co., in April 2011 and a pacu was by an angler in the Blakely River, Baldwin Co., in May 2011.
- University of Alabama students collected several cichlids, most probably convict cichlids from Little Shultz Creek in Bibb County.