

**Louisiana Report
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Giant Salvinia

- Volunteer spraying program started in Toledo Bend to combat Giant Salvinia. Willing participants attend a training seminar and obtain a permit in order to spray. To date, 88 people have been trained with 23 permitted. A 2nd training is taking place Saturday Oct. 24, with 80-90 people expected to attend.
- A similar system is being worked on for Lake Bistineau.
- New Salvinia Weevil ponds were started, bringing the total number of ponds to 7. The ponds should be ready for harvest next year.

Asian Carp

- Legalized new catch methods for Asian carp. In addition to traditional catch methods, silver and bighead carp may also be taken by boats, dip nets, spears, and snagging.
- Contract with Tips from the Pros (Chef Philippe Parola) for the promotion/marketing of Asian carp as a new seafood option in United States.

Other

- Contract with USGS National Wetlands Research Center for a Louisiana Non-native Aquatic Species Pathway Analysis and Early Detection Field Manual completed.