

**Louisiana Report  
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## **AQUATIC PLANTS**

The harsh winter has reduced plant populations. While the winter was not as cold as the previous year, prolonged nights of subzero temps, especially in Shreveport/Lake Bistineau area, greatly helped in plant control.

Toledo Bend Reservoir underwent a large drawdown. At this time, it is still ~7 1/2 feet below normal levels. The drawdown has isolated much of the Giant Salvinia into small pockets in the northern part of the Reservoir. Crews are working to treat the small pockets before water levels return to normal and re-introduce the plant back into the main water body.

## **OUTREACH**

A large effort is being made for better public outreach/education.

- Joint booths with LDWF Aquatic Outreach section:
  - LSU Ocean Commotion
  - Boat show: Lake Charles, Slidell, New Orleans
  - Bassmaster Classic
  - Bass Elite Series: Battle on the Bayou
- Group Presentations:
  - Louisiana BASS High School Championship
  - LaPlace Rotary Club
- New Brochures/Handout:
  - Rio Grande Cichlid
  - Common Aquatic Nuisance Plants
  - Northern Snakehead vs Bowfin (Choupique)

