

North Carolina - Aquatic Invasive Species report to GSARP September 2013

Tiger Shrimp:

2012

There were 34 shrimp reported to us (NC Div. of Marine Fisheries) from all along the coast. Of those, 30 were confirmed either by picture or by receiving the specimens. Several were passed on to James Morris for genetic work.

2013

There were 5 reported with 3 of those confirmed. James Morris probably has the specimen but we had a juvenile reported from Atlantic Beach this year that was identified as a "red stripe" variant.

Aquatic Weed Control Program:

2013-2014 Funding

The new budget provides \$200,000 for aquatic plant control. This money comes to the NCDENR Division of Water Resources as a Water Resources Development Projects line item and allows the continued operation of the State's Aquatic Weed Control Program. The Division is limited to providing a maximum of 50% of total cost for aquatic weed projects, therefore local match is required.

Also, the budget specifies that \$250,000 of additional funding is available for the Lake Waccamaw Hydrilla Eradication Project.