

South Carolina State Report (Freshwater Invasive Plants)
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Since the last meeting, we drafted our annual Aquatic Plant Management Plan (Plan). The plan was presented to the SC Aquatic Plant Management Council (Council) for review in January after hearing reports on the vegetation treatments, vegetation surveys, water quality, and fish health. The Plan was put out for a 30-day public comment period. The Council met again in March, when the Plan was finalized and approved.

Surveys have been completed on the Combahee River, Ashepoo River, Goose Creek Reservoir and Back River Reservoir. Treatments are currently being planned on all but Ashepoo.

Sterile grass carp, for various water bodies across the state, have been stocked. At the writing of this report, we are waiting on alligatorweed flea beetles from the Army Corps of Engineers in Florida. If they are received, they will be stocked on the Ashepoo River.

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