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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control:	220
Department or Agency:	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Rule No.:	220-2-.124
Rule Title:	Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Regulation
Intended Action	Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?	Yes
Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?	Yes
Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?	No
Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved?	No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?	NA
Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?	Yes
Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule?	No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?	No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer: *Christopher M. Blankenship*
Chris Blankenship

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE: 220-2-.124 Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Regulation

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:
To add additional plants to the list of nonindigenous aquatic plants.

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:
& Freshwater Fisheries at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in writing 48 hours in advance to the Director of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries, and then by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2026.
If ADA accommodations are needed, please contact Heidi Bowers at (334) 242-3165 or heidi.bowers@dcnr.alabama.gov. Requests should be made as soon as possible but at least seven days prior to the date of a personal appearance to present views regarding the proposed rules.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Tuesday, August 4, 2026

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:
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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

220-2-.124 Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Regulation.

For purposes of enforcement of Sections 9-20-1 through 9-20-7, Code of Ala. 1975, enacted by Act No. 95-767, as the "Alabama Nonindigenous Aquatic Plant Control Act", the following list of all nonindigenous aquatic plants which are prohibited by Section 9-20-3 from being introduced or placed or caused to be introduced or placed into public waters of the state is established:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
African elodea	*Lagarosiphon spp*
alligatorweed	*Alternanthera philoxeriodes*
Brazilian elodea	*Egeria densa*
common salvinia	*Salvinia minima*
crested floating heart	*Nymphoides cristata (synonym N. hydrophylla)*
Cuban bullrush	*Cyperus blepharoleptos*
curlyleaf pondweed	*Potamogeton crispus*
dotted duckweed	*Landoltia punctata*
Eurasian watermilfoil	*Myriophyllum spicatum*
floating waterhyacinth	*Eichhornia crassipes*
giant salvinia	*Salvinia molesta*
hydrilla	*Hydrilla verticillata*
hygrophila	*Hygrophila polysperma*
limnophila	*Limnophila sessiliflora*
lyngbya wollei	*Lyngbya wollei*
parrot-feather	*Myriophyllum aquaticum*
purple loosestrife	*Lythrum salicaria*
rooted waterhyacinth	*Eichhornia azurea*
spinyleaf naiad	*Najas minor*
Uruguayan waterprimrose	*Ludwigia uruguayensis*
water-aloe	*Stratiotes aloides*
water-lettuce	*Pistia stratiotes*
water chestnut	*Trapa natans*
water spinach	*Ipomea aquatica*

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §9-20-5.
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Penalty: As provided by Section 9-20-6, Code of Ala. 1975.