

**Workshop: Invasive Aquatic Plants in Indiana**  
**Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN**  
**January 10, 2007**

*Invasive aquatic plants pose a serious threat to the ecologic and economic health of the state of Indiana and the broader Great Lakes region. In an effort to address this issue and implement certain objectives of the 2003 Indiana Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is considering a combination of prevention strategies including regulation, voluntary best management practices, and education and outreach. In partnership with Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and the Great Lakes Commission, this introductory workshop is being held to lay the groundwork for engaging Indiana's plant industries in the development and implementation of these strategies to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful invasive aquatic organisms.*

**Objectives**

1. Increase awareness of the risks associated with invasive aquatic plants and the approaches used for their management.
2. Explore various prevention strategies, including regulation, voluntary best management practices, and education; and begin to develop a framework for their implementation in Indiana.
3. Initiate development of a network of stakeholders who are committed to collaborating on the development of prevention strategies.

**Agenda**

9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Agenda Review, Objectives</b>	<b>Pat Charlebois,</b> <i>Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant</i>
9:15 am	<b><i>Invasive Species and the Trade in Ornamental Plants</i></b>	<b>Reuben Keller,</b> <i>University of Notre Dame</i>
9:45 am	<b><i>Regional Perspectives: State Management Planning for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions</i></b>	<b>Kathe Glassner-Shwayder,</b> <i>Great Lakes Commission</i>
10:10 am	<b><i>An ounce of prevention is better than \$2 million in control: Indiana's Aquatic Invasive Species Strategy</i></b>	<b>Doug Keller,</b> <i>Indiana Department of Natural Resources</i>
10:40 am	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:55 am	<b>Potential tools for invasive aquatic plant management</b>	<b>Kristin TePas,</b> <i>Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant</i>
11:05 am	<b>Break-out Sessions</b>	
12:30 pm	<b>Summary of Break-out Sessions</b> <i>Working lunch – food provided</i>	<b>Kristin TePas (w/ facilitators)</b>
12:50 pm	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Pat Charlebois,</b> <i>Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant</i>
1:00 pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>	

**Discussion Questions**

1. What are the important components of a regulatory approach to prevent and control the spread of invasive aquatic organisms in Indiana?
2. What kind of voluntary best management practices (BMPs) could various plant industries use to help prevent and control the spread of invasive plants?
3. What kind of invasive aquatic plant education and outreach strategies would be most helpful to the various plant industries and their consumers?