

## **Indiana Aquatic Plants in Trade Working Group – Meeting 5**

### **Executive Summary**

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The fifth meeting of Indiana's Invasive Aquatic working group began with a discussion of "hardiness zones," which is a factor being used to identify plants that need to be run through the risk assessment. Greg Speichert described the way that he arrived at a plant's hardiness zone, and the group decided that using the term "temperature range" rather than "hardiness zone" would allow for any changes in hardiness zone caused by climate change. The group also finalized the Process Model and began discussion of how to tweak the plant risk assessment model to make it 1) suitable for Indiana, 2) separate distinctly non-invaders from invaders, and 3) resistant to user differences. Finally, Ellen Jacquart of TNC described the new Invasive Species Task Force and its mandate.