

# **Indiana Invasive Aquatic Plant Working Group – Meeting 8**

## **Executive Summary**

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This eighth meeting focused on finalizing components of the aquatic plants-in-trade assessment. Firstly, the working group members approved the process model as a final draft, with acknowledgement that the model will likely require modifications once it is implemented. Members from the University of Notre Dame then gave an overview of how the high-level and low/mid-level species chosen to develop the baseline scale for the Indiana Aquatic Plant Risk Assessment Tool were assessed. All members present were in agreement that the scores of each species were consistent with their experiences of each species, thus confirming the validity of the risk assessment tool. Each question from the risk assessment was then reviewed by the group; all concerns were voiced and addressed.

Members from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources then discussed the process through which the black list and the risk assessment tool will be implemented within the state.

Finally, members from Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG) led a discussion regarding outreach to the various components of the aquatic plant industry, requesting input from the group. IISG will be in contact with the group for assistance in the development and distribution of outreach tools