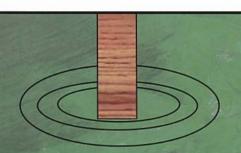
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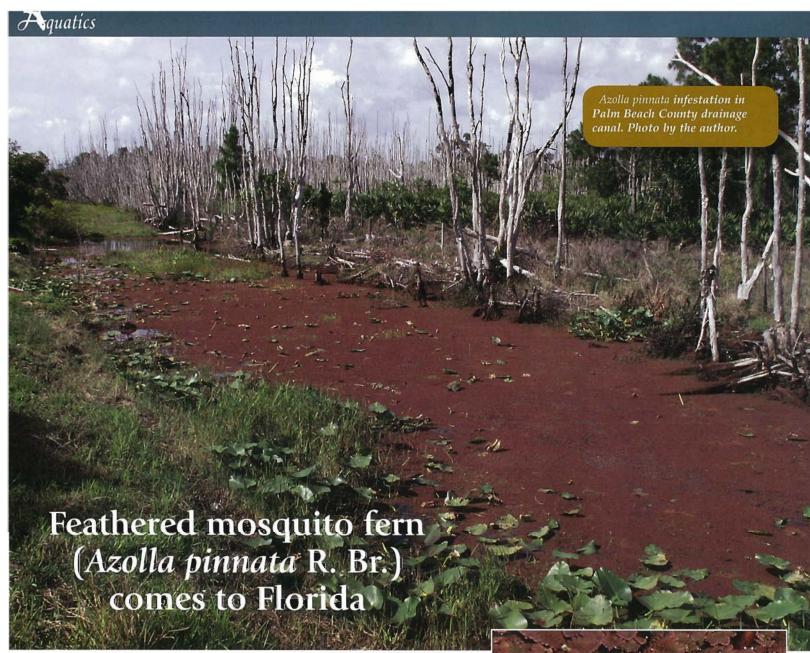
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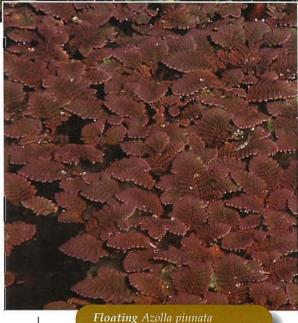
Azolla pinnata – feathered water fern R. Br.

In May 2007, a Palm Beach County homeowner called Jackie Smith, Florida DEP, asking how to control a problematic reddish, floating growth overtaking their pond. Expecting to find native Azolla caroliniana, Ms. Smith was surprised to find the pond surface covered with a different plant, Azolla pinnata, or feathered mosquito fern. In April 2000, she had found this plant at a nursery located in Martin

County, FL. The plant was confiscated by U.S. Department of Agriculture personnel the following month (J. Smith, pers. comm., 25 April 2008). Until this appearance in the outdoors, *A. pinnata* had been reported only one prior time in North America. It was found in North Carolina in 1999 and continues to be reported as present there (North Carolina State University weed alert, 1999).

Description and noxious weed status

Azolla pinnata, R. Br., feathered mosquito fern, is an exotic aquatic fern that has a vast



plants. Photo by the author.

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Too Many Weeds Spoil the Fishing

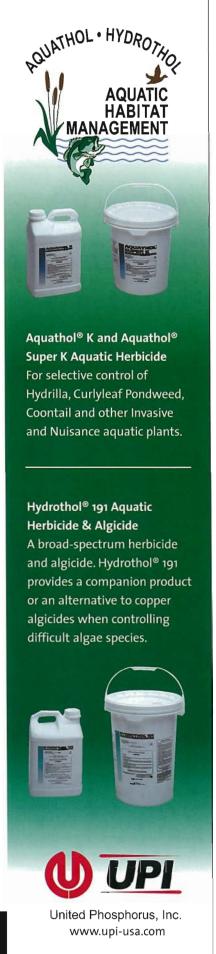


Exotic invasive aquatic plants such as Hydrilla, Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curlyleaf Pondweed, Water Chestnut and Water Hyacinth can be detrimental to a healthy fishery in lakes across the country.

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Detail, underside of Azolla pinnata showing fertile sporocarps, plant roots removed (photo courtesy Ecoport: www.ecoport.org/).

native range extending from Australia across southeastern Asia to Japan and beyond to Madagascar and Africa (Sweet, 1971). The plant is commonly transplanted in rice paddies in Asia. Its symbiotic bacteria (*Anabaena azollae*) capture atmospheric nitrogen, giving farmers the benefit of added nitrogen in aquatic agricultural systems (Moore, 1969).

Each plant is triangularly-shaped and typically about a centimeter in overall dimensions. Each frond consists of 200-300 tiny overlapping scale-like leaflets or segments and has thin hanging roots. The fronds are green when young and become reddish to dark brown at maturity.

Further, as a fern, this plant produces spores, which are, in *Azolla* species, contained in separate male and female sporocarps on the plant's underside. The release of spores leads to sexual reproduction. Vegetative reproduction is rapid, resulting in dense surface mats.

Azolla, the mosquito fern genus, contains seven species in temperate and tropical regions of the world. Azolla caroliniana is the only member of the genus native to North America. A. pinnata has several subspecies and varieties and their differentiation is reportedly difficult as characteristics of the reproductive structures must be examined and these structures are variable and often absent. The A. pinnata found in Florida has not been identified beyond the species level.

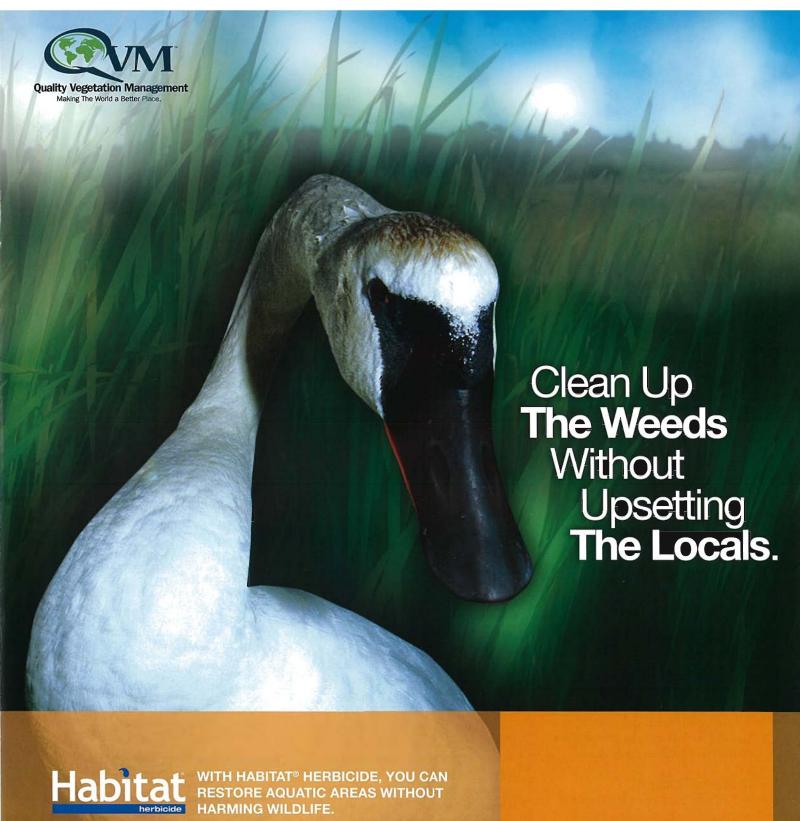
This mosquito fern is listed as a Federal Noxious Weed by the U.S.D.A. Such listing usually indicates that a plant has been known to be a serious agricultural pest elsewhere in the world. Interstate

transport and sale of federal noxious weeds is prohibited. It is listed and recognized as a serious weed in many nations. For instance, it has overwhelmed and replaced the native *A. rubra* in much of northern New Zealand (PIER, 2007). *A. pinnata* is also included on the noxious weeds lists of seven states, however, it is not included on the Florida prohibited plants list.

Rapid response and, hopefully, containment

The Palm Beach county homeowner repeatedly manually cleared the pond surface only to see the pond surface disappear again under the reddish floating mat. The rapid regrowth and dense covering of the pond alarmed the homeowner who also recalled that a family member had caught fish in the neighboring canal and put them into the pond, likely transferring the mosquito fern at the same time. Upon inspection, the adjacent canal system was

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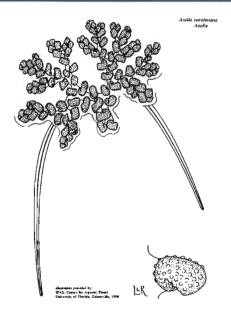
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found to have an extensive population of Azolla pinnata. At that time, DEP immediately authorized South Florida Water Management District to begin treatments of the canal system. Repeated treatments using diquat dibromide have been made by a SFWMD contractor, Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc. This work has brought the plant under maintenance control in the infested canal system. But it is unlikely to be eradicated due to the plant's floating growth habit, small size, fragmentation and the likelihood that spores of the waterfern have been dispersed in the region. Inspections and treatments will continue as needed, with possible application of systemic herbicides such as penoxsulam. The homeowner's pond where the initial infestation was discovered was stocked with triploid grass carp to control the problem at that site.

Biological control?

Further, it is hoped that native Azolla caroliniana-feeding insects will feed upon A. pinnata. These insects are the waterfern flea beetle, Pseudolampsis guttata and the North American waterfern weevil Stenopelmus rufinasus Gyllenhall. Robert Pemberton, USDA - Agricultural Research Service, is evaluating whether the insects are already feeding upon the feathered mosquito fern in Palm Beach County.



pinnata by native Azolla insects are promising. These insects have been evaluated thoroughly during biological control studies of European A. filiculoides which had become a serious weed in South Africa. The North American waterfern weevil was introduced to South Africa to control Azolla filiculoides which resulted in good control. However, during quarantine tests South African researchers found that the North American waterfern flea beetle was very damaging to all Azolla species tested, including A. pinnata. Therefore, the flea beetle was not released in South Africa. However, these tests establish a firm basis to expect that Azolla pinnata may be controlled, to some degree, by these Florida natives (T. Center, pers. comm., 29 April 2008, Found. for Water Research report). These insects survive temperate North American weather conditions and, interestingly, also survive cold weather in South Africa. This further supports the hope that if Azolla pinnata is introduced in other parts of North America, insects may provide at least some control of the plant there as well.

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The Conservation Balancing Act: Part I. In the Home¹

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The Situation

Conservation is everybody's business. The big questions are: When? How much? What do I have to give up? The answer may be to get into **The Conservation Balancing Act**. Learn what waste is and you may be able to conserve more water and the energy required to heat water than you think without sacrificing the benefits.

We couldn't live long in a world without a supply of pure, safe water. How many times a day does each of us turn on a tap for a drink, to wash our hands, to prepare food, to wash clothes or dishes, to bathe, to water plants? The list goes on and on. Don't tell us "the well is dry." We have to have water.

We don't want to live without energy either: gas and electricity. We want to be able to cool and heat our homes. Heating water for bathing, cleaning, laundering clothes is important to the way we want to live. And we can't do without electric light and all the work done by our appliances.

Here's news. It takes water to get energy to our homes. Steam-driven turbines powered by coal, gas or nuclear fission drive electrical generators. Water is used to remove excess heat that is a by-product of electricity generation. About 1 percent of a home electricity bill covers the cost of water used in the production of the energy we use. One percent is a small percentage, but it is a lot of water.

More news: It takes energy to provide the water we use. It is true. About 4 percent of our home water bill pays for energy to pump the water, treat and deliver it. About 17 percent of our waste water bill pays for energy to treat wastewater and reclaim it. Additionally, chemicals used to treat water and wastewater are energy intensive.

We hear about water shortages and water contamination. No wonder! Consider these impacts on water use in Florida:

The population of Florida grew from half a million in 1900 to 13 million in 1990. Imagine a 2600 percent population growth in 90 years! Additionally, Florida has more than 29 million visitors annually and many snowbirds who reside here every year for just part of the year. More people means more water and energy are needed.

Though water use figures for the early part of the century are not available, the Water Resources Atlas of Florida, published in 1984 by Florida State University, indicates that water for all residential uses (including lawn watering) was about 50 gallons/person/ day in 1950 (350 gallons/person/ week). This residential use of water grew to almost 100 gallons/person/ day person by 1980 (700 gallons/ person/week). In Florida, we doubled the per person water use in the 30 years from 1950 to 1980. Since the turn of the century, when water was used sparingly, the growth of water use has been even greater.

We estimate that home water use has grown from as little as 100 gallons/person/week early in the century when there were 500,000 people living in Florida to over 700 gallons a week in 1990 with over 13 million Florida residents. For all Florida households home water use can be estimated to have grown from 50 million gallons per year in 1900 to 9.1 billion gallons per year in 1990. Statewide, home water use is 18,200 times as great as it was 90 years ago.



Energy also plays an important role in the lives of Floridians. How many times a day do you turn on a light, start a motor, draw hot water and activate the water heater, relax, work and play in a comfortable, temperature-controlled environment? Does your electric meter get much rest? And natural gas quietly does its job heating water and air in homes.

The use of energy is so basic to the way we live, we accept as normal the necessity of electric and gas bills — griping only from time to time when these bills are higher than we would like. We know we can save money by using less energy in our homes, but our efforts are spotty. Often we question the effectiveness of those energy conservation techniques we know. But we can change.

Bear this important fact in mind: Florida can never be energy independent since there are no coal, oil, natural gas or nuclear reserves in Florida.

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The state will always be dependent on out-of-state sources for electricity production.

Cleanliness

Cleanliness is the primary function of water in Florida homes. Cleanliness is priceless and at the same time cleanliness is costly. Costs associated with clean water, energy and the resources required for cleanliness can eat into our pocket

books. One of the largest uses of energy in a home is for heating water. More important, water, energy and other resources are limited; their uncontrolled use can cost our environment.

Water and Energy Facts

Water, energy, environment, cleanliness — all are important to us. Can we conserve without sacrificing the cleanliness, the comfort we want in our homes? The answer is YES. And, the most important place to start is cutting the use of water and other resources where they are wasted — where they are "used" without serving any real purpose.

Attack Waste

Water and energy are too precious to waste. They are too costly in dollars and resources. Water in most Florida homes comes from municipal plants where every drop is carefully tested and treated to make it safe for drinking. That means we water our plants, water our lawns and wash our cars with drinking water! Energy is used to draw the water from wells, treat it and deliver it to our homes.

While a house is being planned and built water and energy conservation can be built-in. If our home is not as efficient as it could be, there are some things we can change, some we cannot. But there are habits we can change; practices we can adopt to avoid waste.

Consider Leaks

Note that a "little" leak of one drop a second wastes seven gallons of water per day — over 2,500 gallons a year. In the example shown, water costs only \$2.56. Not enough to worry about? Look again. Wastewater treatment costs \$4.85. The total goes up to \$7.41.

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Running Water

Also consider the times you turn on a faucet and leave it running while you do something else. Maybe you only do this for half a minute two or three times a day. Maybe everyone in the family does the same thing. In Table 1 you can see what happens to your water bill for just 5 minutes (or three minutes) a day. By working with your family to change their water use habits, vou may be able to cut your bills for water and wastewater alone by \$15.88 to \$26.47 a year. For hot water your savings might be as high as \$39.87 with a gas heater or \$127.82 with an electric water heater.

Your Conservation Balancing Act

Plan Carefully When Building a House

When building a new home, see to it that the water heater is located

near the places where warm or hot water is needed (bathrooms, laundry and kitchen sink) to save both water and the energy to heat it.

Your water heater

Buy your water heater wisely. Water heaters store water so heated water is ready for use when you want it. Buy the gallon-size that meets your family's peak hourly needs. (The gallon-size corresponds to the first-hour rating: takes into account how quickly cold water can be heated in that size tank. A 70-gallon first-hour rating calls for a 65-gallon electric water heater or a 40-gallon gas water heater.) Also get water heater efficiency by checking the energy efficiency label right on the appliance.

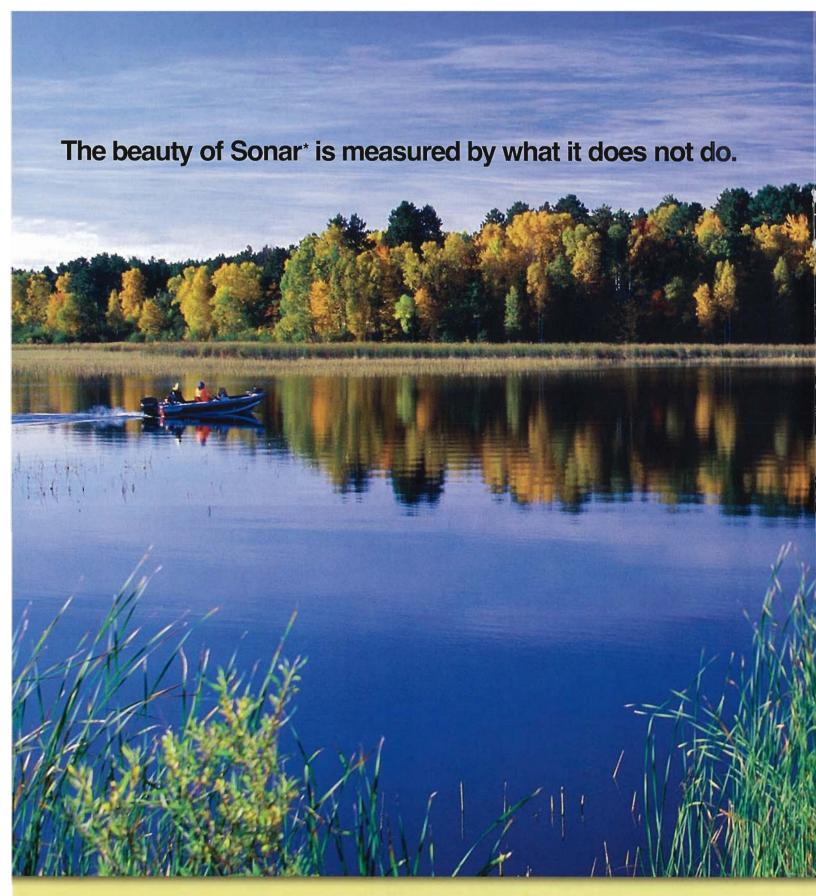
Lower your water heater thermostat from 140° to 120°F. This saves energy and protects young children and the elderly from scalds. It also takes longer to heat your water. And, if you have a dishwasher you may find your dishes don't get clean at 120°. Then set the water heater up to 130° or 140° again.

Protect your water heater. Locate the valve on the bottom of the heater and drain a few gallons from the water heater twice yearly. The water you drain contains mineral deposits and sediment that collect in the tank and reduces the amount of heat transferred from the heating element to the water. Draining reduces energy waste and increases the life of both the element and the water heater.

Consider installing a water-heater timer that "tells" the water to heat only during the times of the day when hot water is needed.

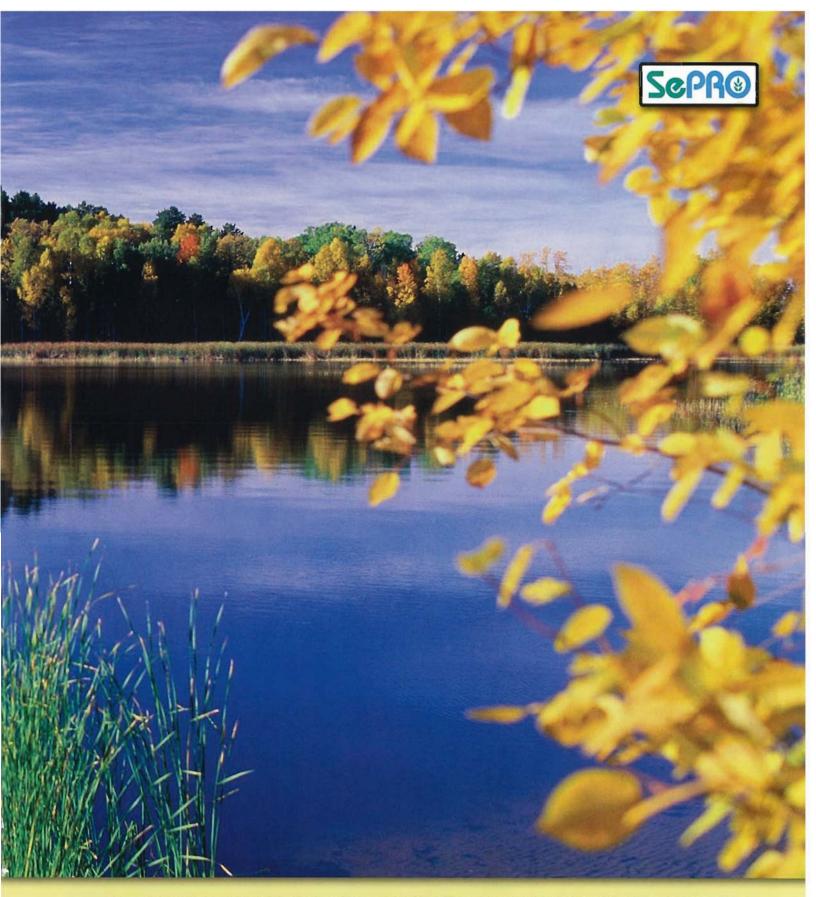
New water heaters are more efficient and better insulated than those made 10 or more years ago. If your water heater is an older model, you can buy and install an insulation kit. Follow directions carefully.

If you're planning a trip and won't need water for three days or more, turn your water heater off. If your heater is gas turn your controls to pilot. (If you have an electronic starter on your gas water heater, it can reignite the water heater when you turn it back on.)



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Although not addressed specifically in this publication, we encourage you to take your new water ways with you everywhere. Spread the word: Encourage others to conserve water outside, as well as inside, the home.

Remember: When you save water, you are saving the energy to produce that water. When you save energy, you are saving the water required to produce that energy.

THINK EFFICIENCY — Say YES to the benefits of water and energy, but say NO to waste. You will save money, too

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Summer Heat and Aquatic Environments

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Heat and it's Effects

Summer heat can spell destruction for water systems in smaller private properties and larger scale Home Owner's Associations (HOA's). Everything that has gone into the water feature during the winter months; leaves, rain water, runoff from neighboring yards, such as fertilizers, soap from washing cars, and debris, will affect the water once the heat of summertime hits. The water's surface may look good during the cooler months, but underneath that surface all the ingredients are gathering to make for a "big show" when the heat of summer arrives.

What Will Happen

During the cooler months, decomposition (of all the debris and runoff) is slow. When summer arrives, the heat kicks decomposition into high gear and starts lowering the oxygen level and changing the chemical balance of the water. This warm environment is perfect for growing all sorts of algae, bugs and nuisance weeds, to grow and multiply at an alarming rate. Subsequently your beautiful water feature may end up with a rapid growth of all types of aquatic weeds and algae. Accompanying this may be green water, disgusting odor and midge flies (pesky little things everyone thinks are mosquitoes.)

Action to Take

In the best case scenario you'll want to take a pro-active stance during the cooler months.

Ensure your water features have properly operating and maintained aeration, circulation, and filtration systems all year round. Everyone will be happier with the way the water feature looks when the sun begins to beat down on it.

During the cooler months it's also a good idea to treat the water with products made specifically for aquatic environments to reduce the food source for summer algae. When the trees drop their leaves and wind blows them and other matter into the water, decomposition occurs and becomes food for summer algae. Reducing the food source, reduces the overgrowth of algae and helps keep your water feature clear.

By making sure your waterscape vendor is getting a handle on things prior to the heat of summer you will prevent a myriad of problems. Neglecting a water feature during cooler seasons can result in serious and/or unsightly problems in the summer.

You can count on your waterscape professional to take a very aggressive approach. The aquatic professional will have the tools and knowledge at hand to treat the rapid growth of algae, aquatic weeds and pesky midge flies. The end result being an aquatic environment that is aesthetically pleasing to all.

Bottom Line

Care for the water feature year round and it will provide you with years and years of and beauty enjoyment.

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TIIMS Web Portal Supports "Snapshot Day" in the Lake Tahoe Basin

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Introduction

On the morning of May 10th, 2008, approximately 250 volunteers from the Lake Tahoe-Truckee River Watershed anxiously awaited their stream assignments as part of the 8th annual Citizens Monitoring "Snapshot Day". Snapshot Day is a nationally recognized, grass roots effort to get citizens involved in environmental stewardship at a local level. In particular, Snapshot is intended to stimulate citizen interest and build awareness of water quality issues, aquatic resources, and pollution prevention.

This volunteer-based program is designed to take a "snapshot" in time of water quality and stream conditions in approximately 63 tributaries that feed into Lake Tahoe, the 11th deepest lake in the world also known for its water clarity and

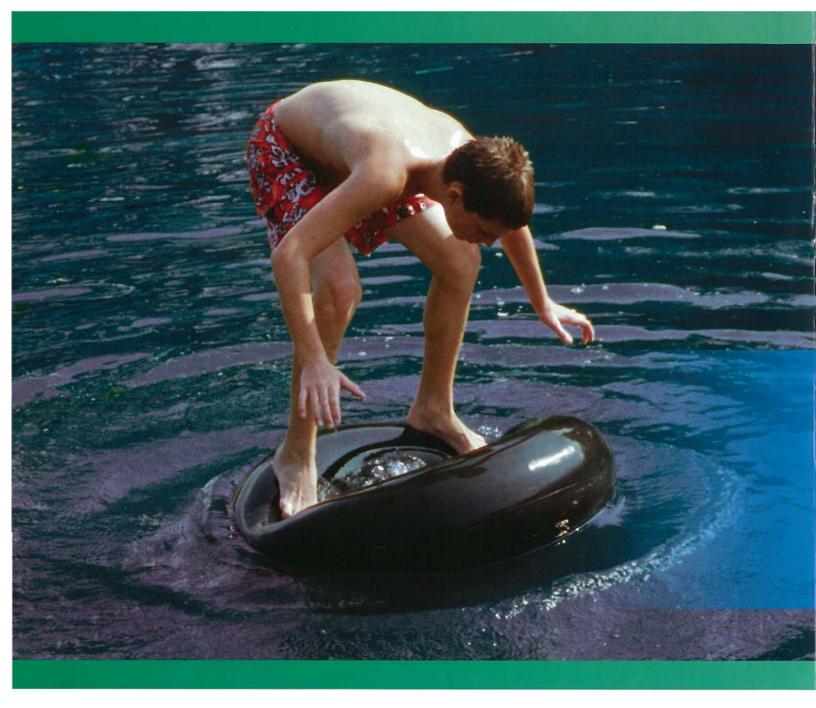
mountainous views. New tools and technology on the Tahoe Integrated Information Management System (TIIMS) web portal will streamline the process and help volunteers and supporting agencies overcome the challenges of limited resources and staff time.

Snapshot Day

Since its local inception in 2001, Snapshot Day has been a collaborative data collection effort that takes place in the North and South Lake Tahoe, and Middle and Lower Truckee River watersheds (including Lake Pyramid), Figure 1. Coordinators try to time this event with peak river flow which usually occurs in the first two weeks of May. The purpose of this is to keep the timing as consistent as possible between years and get a representative sample from the

Figure 1. Snapshot Day is a collaborative data collection project that includes both the Lake Tahoe and Truckee River watersheds.

Pyramid



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waters moving in the basin. Snapshot requires donations from various organizations whether in the form of lab equipment, agency staff time, or laboratory analysis of the samples collected in the field.

Each year volunteers conduct visual stream assessments, take photos, measure field water quality data (pH, conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.), and collect a water sample for laboratory nutrient analysis. However, only about half of the samples collected by volunteers each year are tested for further laboratory analysis (nutrients, fecal coliform, and other bacteria) based on limited resources.

Why is Snapshot Day Significant?

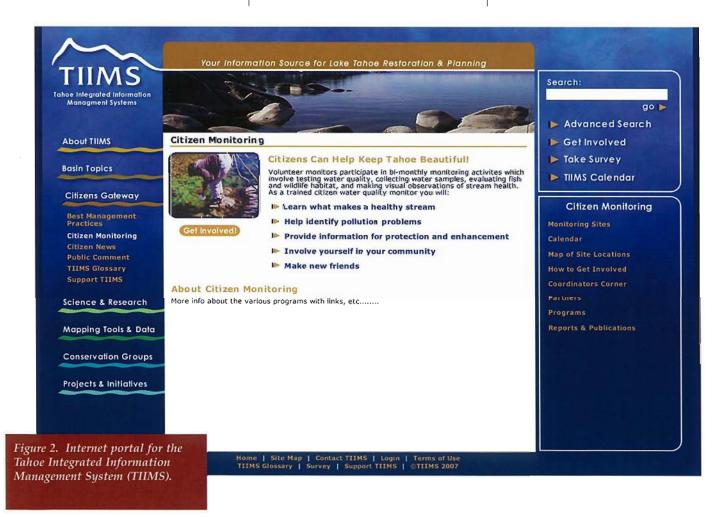
Lake Tahoe is a federally - protected lake with millions of dollars spent each year to preserve its clarity through monitoring efforts, research, environmental restoration, and best management practice

(BMP) enforcement. And although a number of highly - qualified agencies and university - sponsored monitoring activities take place in the basin on a day-to-day basis, there is still insufficient information to adequately assess the complex aquatic resources in the Tahoe watershed. All data collected by Snapshot Day supplements existing agency monitoring efforts and is provided to the regulatory and resource management agencies responsible for protecting water quality. With Snapshot Day in place this program fills in some of the data gaps that exist.

Furthermore, Snapshot data is critical in determining "hot spots" or locations where water parameters are high (such as turbidity, nutrients, or fecal coliform bacteria). Snapshot Day identifies areas, if any, where water quality may be unfavorable, including sources of pollution and detection of illegal activities (e.g. chemical spills, filling of wetlands,

illicit discharges, or destruction of stream environment zones). This provides agencies an opportunity to conduct additional monitoring activities and may be used for restoration project identification or other environmental improvement initiatives.

In 2001, volunteers in South Lake Tahoe discovered high fecal coliform coming from one of the marinas. As soon as this "hot spot" was reported to the California Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan RWQCB), they sent agency employees to re - sample the area, thinking the first sample collected by volunteers could have been erroneous or the result of faulty sampling. When the Lahontan RWQCB approached the site they happened to catch ferry workers improperly leaking raw sewage because of flawed "pump out" procedures. The ferry owners were charged and assessed a fine for violating regulations and contaminating water resources.





As mentioned earlier, Snapshot Day also promotes environmental education and stewardship with participating citizens in an attempt to reach environmental goals and support project initiatives that protect the watershed from further degradation. Heather Segale, a former coordinator, leader of the Snapshot Day program, and staff member for the University of Reno-Nevada's Lake Tahoe Environmental Education Coalition, experienced this first-hand when she received a phone call from one citizen in particular:

"I had a group of people come to Snapshot Day one year that had been living in the Tahoe basin for 20 years or more. The volunteers were there for training purposes and to learn about stream monitoring. About a year later, the same people called to tell me they noticed that a neighbor had been overwatering their lawn and was concerned about nutrient runoff and soil erosion ending up in the streams. These people were used to seeing their neighbor water the lawn all the time....it was amazing to see people's perception change, and the direct impact of what environmental awareness can have on the community with a few hours spent learning the intricacies of our ecosystem."

Other Snapshot Day Objectives:

- Provide water quality data that may be used in long term trend analyses
- Provide data for evaluating the effectiveness of restoration activities (BMPs) and various other pollution control strategies
- Provide water quality data that may be compared to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) environmental thresholds and/or water quality standards set by the States of California and Nevada
- Assess the status and trend of valued biologic and ecologic resources within the watershed

The Value of Technology

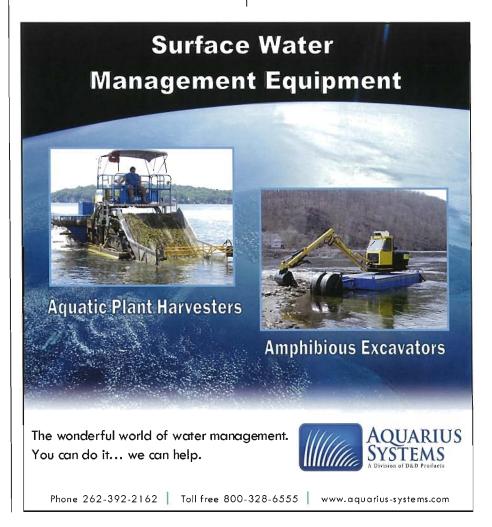
Snapshot Day is not only limited by the equipment and laboratory time, but also the time coordinators or "team leaders" spend organizing, training volunteers, and collecting data. Each year several hundred volunteers are sent into the field in small groups with paper - based forms to collect a variety of data, photos, and samples. Paper forms are collected from volunteers and then entered manually by one of the team leaders into an Excel spreadsheet -a timely process for a hundred or more monitoring sites! Another challenge of this data entry process is interpreting hand - writing and field notes, making the transfer of data difficult and potentially less accurate.

The Tahoe Integrated Information Management System (TIIMS), an information web portal serving the public and agencies in the Tahoe basin, is turning this paperbased method into an electronic one (Figure 2). A new version of the site is currently under construction but is expected to 'go live' in July 2008. New features of this site

include password protected areas for scientists and researchers, on-line enrollment opportunities for basin volunteers, unique mapping applications using Virtual Earth, and much more...

In particular, the TIIMS website includes a "Citizens Gateway" section where users will be able to access volunteer, program-specific information. Here, Snapshot Day volunteers will be able to login to the system, select their monitoring site location from a list or map, and upload field data and photographs through an online web form. Eventually the system will allow users to generate graphs 'on-the-fly' by querying all Snapshot Day data by date, analyte, and monitoring site location.

TIIMS will eliminate duplicate data entry, reduce the time required by volunteer coordinators, and streamlines the process for better results. A system like this also gives volunteers ownership of



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the process and something to look forward to each year when they are able to visually compare and contrast data in graph form. Whether looking at numbers on a graph or by visual monitoring through photo assessment over time, it will all be at the fingertips of the TIIMS user and is "Snapshot Day's" way of giving back to the dedicated volunteers.

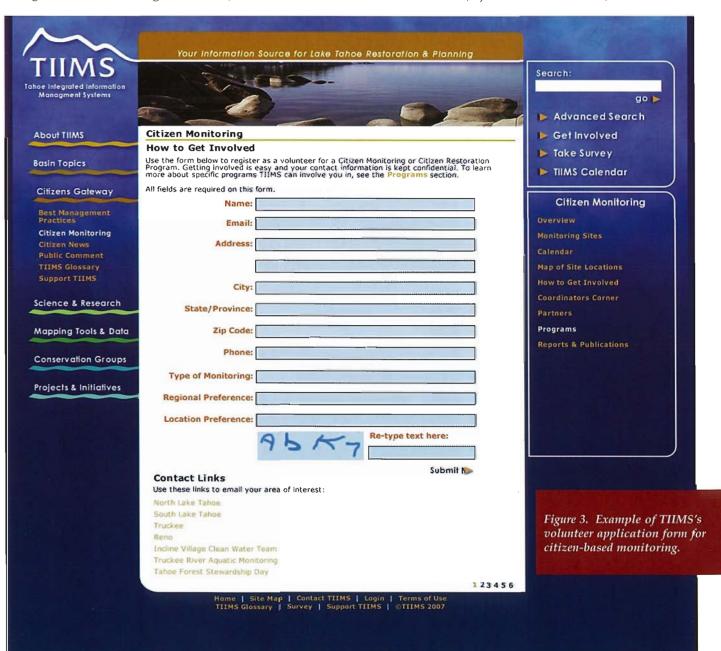
The Future of Snapshot Day

Lead volunteers of Snapshot Day want to expand the geographic region to include additional monitoring site locations throughout the watershed and also increase the number of samples tested for nutrient analysis. Perhaps the new TIIMS website coming in July 2008, with its new citizen monitoring features will spark additional interest and project funding from others in the basin (Figure 3). But one thing is certain; the time required for entering data will be reduced dramatically.

Folks in the Tahoe basin have a particular need to expand monitoring efforts related to the Quagga mussel. The Quagga is an invasive species that was first observed in Lake Erie in 1989. Since then it has crossed the Continental Divide

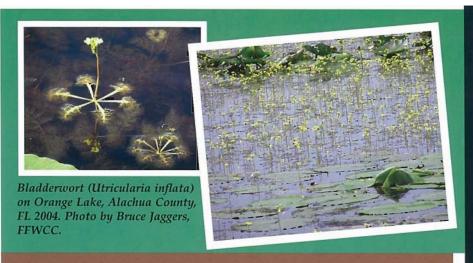
affecting various lakes along the way, including the 2007 mussel discovery in Lake Powell only about 600 miles from Lake Tahoe. Today, Lake Tahoe remains free of the Quagga mussel. With increased citizen awareness and additional monitoring efforts like Snapshot Day, Lake Tahoe certainly stands a better chance against this invasive species.

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Photographs Taken from Members in the Field:

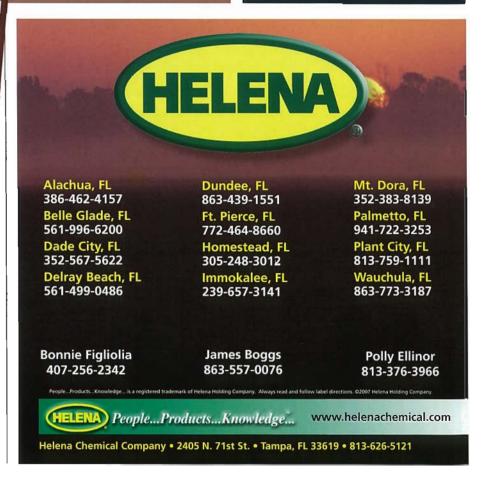




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Operational photograph taken by Don Dogget, Lee County Hyacinth Control District, FL.





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June 13-14, 2008 **New England Chapter NALMS** Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, VT www.vtwaterquality.org/lakes.htm

June 23-27, 2008

The 5th International Weed Science Congress Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, Canada http://iws.ucdavis.edu/5intlweedcong.htm

July 13-16, 2008 Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc. 48th

Annual Meeting The Mills House Hotel, Charleston, South Caro-

www.apms.org/2008/2008.htm

October 13-16, 2008 FAPMS 32nd Annual Training Conference Hilton Resort Daytona Beach, FL www.fapms.org/meeting.html

October 14-17, 2008

Natural Areas Conference 2008

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Non-native Aquarium Plant Releases

Literature Review from John Randall (jarandall@ucdavis.edu):

Cohen, J., Mirotchnick, N., and Leung, B. 2007. Thousands introduced annually: the aquarium pathway for non-indigenous plants to the St. Lawrence Seaway. Front. Ecol. Environ.5(10):528-532.

The authors calculated numbers of non-native aquarium plants released to the St Lawrence Seaway watershed annually in the Montreal, Canada. They found

that over 78,000 aquarium plants from 138 species were sold in Montreal each year and calculated that over 3,000 of these were released to the St Lawrence Seaway based on surveys of aquarium stores and customers. Two of the most commonly released species are recognized invaders: Egeria densa and Cambomba caroliniana with estimated releases of 145 and 116 individual plants respectively. The study used a step-by-step process to ascertain the numbers of invasive organisms released in a given area over a given time (=propagule pressure) which could be used to ascertain propagule pressures for other types of organisms and other pathways elsewhere around the world. This information could be extremely useful in developing strategies to close the most important invasion pathways.

Three Contributors to FAPMS Will Be Missed:

Jess Van Dyke retired January 31, 2008. He served 35 years with the State of Florida, first with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and then with the Department of Environmental Protection. Jessie worked tirelessly preserving Florida's aquatic ecosystems. His commitment and dedication along with his wit and joyful outlook on life made a lasting impression on those that have worked with him.

Harold Brown died September 12, 2007 at his residence in Sebastian, Florida. Harold was the second President of FAPMS, and a Charter Member. He was 75.

Clarke Hudson died December 2, 2007 at Florida Hospital, Deland, Florida. Clarke was the ninth President of FAPMS, and a Charter Member. He was 64.

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