

**Summary of Public Comments, Responses, and Plan Modifications to the Draft 2018  
South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan**

**Comments and Revisions:**

I live on the Lake and I agree with the plan.

Thanks,  
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I am in full support of the 2018 DRAFT S.C. Aquatic Plant Management Plan and request that the plan be implemented as outlined in the DRAFT proposal. I am a resident of Clarendon County residing on Lake Marion. I have seen the problems caused in the past by invasive weed,s in particular hydrilla.

Respectfully,  
Eddie V. Gleaton, Jr.  
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I live on the shore line of Lake Marion and I support the 2018 plan...  
Sherry Newsome  
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I live on the shoreline of Lake Marion. I attended the Council meeting at Santee State Park and heard all the discussion. I do wish to express my support for the 2018 plan. I think control of Hydrillia, CFH and our newest invasive specie, Giant Salvinia is critical to the health and enjoyment of Lake Marion.  
Debra Gleaton  
Goat Island Boat Club  
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I am writing in support for the 2018-2019 Aquatic Plant Management Plan for the Santee Cooper Lake system. Thank you for all you do to protect our property and waterways.  
Best Wishes,  
Jerry Hatcher  
Lake Marion resident & Goat Island Boat Club member.  
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Sirs:

I read with great hope the draft plan for the Santee Cooper Lakes. I have noticed an increase in floating crested heart in my area and am in favor of increased treatment in the area. I think the continued introduction of sterile grass carp will also go a long way to try and alleviate the hydrilla problem. Please continue your attempts to rid the lakes of these noxious weeds.  
Sincerely,

A Mark Knechtel  
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I can't say how important it is to control the invasive weeds in our lakes.... they choke the Marine life out.. I. Live on Lake Marion and I enjoy boating , the invasive weeds can make it difficult to do that.The invasive weeds can choke out the good weeds...So please do what you can to eliminate these awful plants.

Thank you, Betty Cozart  
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Hello Chris,

Is DNR concerned about the water hyacinth on the Ashepoo ? If so what is the management plan ?

Thanks

Joe

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Good Day Chris,

If possible can more be accomplished on the state level concerning Ballast Water release.

Perhaps an education outreach in Conjunction with the US Coast Guard, or an article or two in the SCDNR Wildlife Magazine.

If I can assist in any way please contact me.

Thank You

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**Response:**

The plan has few changes from 2017. The plan for the Santee Cooper Lakes provide continuity to an overall adaptive maintenance plan with a consistent stocking of triploid carp to provide diversity in the age class of the fish as well as getting to a targeted range of triploid carp in the system. Annual data should include estimates of hydrilla acreage, estimates of native vegetation acreage, and fall – based triploid grass carp surveys. Grass carp surveys should function to further assess the relative condition of the population and aid in yearly stocking decisions which can change based on information noted above. While we are committed to providing distinct age class fish through stocking for upcoming years, all efforts will be made to determine an appropriate balance in the Santee Cooper system by maintaining control of hydrilla while promoting beneficial native vegetation.

**Plan Modifications:**

No modifications