

Species Assessment Group - Summary of group ratings

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Species: *Nitellopsis obtusa* (Starry stonewort)

Ratings for Criteria - 1st round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1. Current status and distribution	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2
2. Establishment potential	3	2	4	4	3	4	ii	4	ii	3	4
3. Damage potential	3	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	2
4. Prevention and control potential	3	2	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	2	2
5. Socioeconomic impacts	4	3	2	3	4	3	ii	ii	ii	4	2

Ratings for Classification	R	W	W	P	R	P	P	R	P	P	W	
Totals - 1st round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted		
Number of votes	5			3			3					

Ratings for Classification	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Totals - 2nd round	Prohibited			Restricted			Watch			Non-restricted		
Number of votes	10			1			0			0		

Final Recommended Classification :

Prohibited

Comments

8-High potential to become established- eradication not likely once established - difficult to prevent spread.

5-I am not sure of how well this could do in WI.

1- in Lake Ontario and New York; doesn't seem like there's a lot known about it.

3-is it dense in MI because it "took over" natives, or did it just "fill in" an empty niche (such as a disturbed system); will switch to restricted.

6-seen it in Michigan in two bays; extremely dense growth; no native macrophytes growing through the mats; difficult to tell difference between starry stonewort and native nitellas; came up very early in the spring.

7-Wisconsin adapted as an annual; has it been seen in under the ice?

11-wasn't aware that it was established in MI & was problematic.