

PROPOSAL 169

5 AAC 41.075. Classification of banned invasive species.

Amend the list of banned invasive species, as follows:

5 AAC 41.075 is amended to read:

(c) The following species are classified as banned invasive species:

(1) Class A banned invasive species

Common Name

Scientific Name

Amphibians

[AMERICAN BULL FROG

Pacific chorus frog

Red-legged frog

LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS]

Pseudacris regilla or *Hyla regilla*

Rana aurora

Crustaceans

[SIGNAL CRAYFISH

Red swamp crayfish

Rusty crayfish

European green crab

Virile crayfish/Northern crayfish

PACIFASTACUS LENIUSCULUS]

Procambarus clarkii

Orconectes rusticus

Carcinus maenas

Faxonius virilis

Fish

[ASIAN CARP

YELLOW PERCH

Cyprinid fishes

HYPOPHthalmichthys GENUS

PERCA FLAVESCENS]

Cyprinidae Family (includes invasive carps, reidside shiners, golden shiners, and fathead minnows)

Alosa sapidissima

Gambusia holbrooki

Apollonia melanostromus

American shad

Eastern Mosquitofish

Round goby

Mollusks

New Zealand mudsnail

Dreissenid mussels

Quagga mussel

Zebra mussel

Conrad's or Dark false mussel

Asian clam

Potamopyrgus antipodarum

Dreissenidae Family

Dreissenia bugensis

Dreissenia polymorpha

Mytilopsis leucophaeta

Corbicula fluminea

(2) Class B banned invasive species

Amphibians

American bull frog

Lithobates catesbeianus

Crustaceans
Signal crayfish

Pacifastacus leniusculus

Fish

Yellow perch
Muskellunge
Walleye
Bluegill
Largemouth bass
Smallmouth bass
Black crappie
White crappie
Ictalurid fishes
Brook trout
Brown trout
White Perch
Pumpkinseed

Perca flavescens
Esox masquinongy
Sander vitreus
Lepomis macrochirus
Micropterus salmoides
Micropterus dolomieu
Pomoxis nigromaculatus
Pomoxis annularis
Ictaluridae Family (catfish)
Salvelinus fontinalis
Salmo trutta
Morone americana
Lepomis gibbosus

(d) A person may not possess [“BANNED INVASIVE SPECIES” INCLUDES ANY PART OF AN ORGANISM, INCLUDING REPRODUCTIVE OR GENETIC MATERIAL, AT ANY STAGE OF ITS LIFE CYCLE] any part of a Class A banned invasive species, including reproductive or genetic material, at any stage of its life cycle except as follows:

(1) when transporting a specimen to any department office or another location as directed by the department in a sealed container for the purpose of containing, identifying, or reporting the presence of the species, or

(2) under the provisions of a Aquatic Resource Permit as defined in 5 AAC 41.005.

(e) A person may not possess any live Class B banned invasive species at any stage of its life cycle.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 2021, regulations specific to banned invasive species were adopted through the Alaska Board of Fisheries delegation of authority under AS 16.05.270 through board finding 2015-275-FB. The language in the adopted regulations in the banned invasive species list was specific to that provided for the 2015 finding. Since 2015, several nonnative species, not previously included in the banned invasive species list, have been discovered in Alaska waters, including largemouth bass (2018), fathead minnows (2018) and muskellunge (2017). In addition, other fish, mollusk, and crustacean species that could survive in Alaskan waters, if introduced, have been added for consideration by the board to update the list. Splitting “banned invasive species” into two classes allows the legal possession and import of edible portions of listed species that may be sport caught in other states for consumption. This

would also allow the harvest and possession of frog legs or signal crayfish for consumption. A signal crayfish fishery has developed on the Buskin River in Kodiak.

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