

## *Invasive Species (1 proposal)*

### **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**

HYPOPHthalmicthys GENUS

PERCA FLAVESCENS]

**Cyprinidae Family (includes invasive carps, redbottom 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

*Dreissena bugensis*

*Dreissena 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

*Perca flavescens*

Muskellunge

*Esox masquinongy*

Walleye

*Sander vitreus*

Bluegill

*Lepomis macrochirus*

Largemouth bass

*Micropterus salmoides*

Smallmouth bass

*Micropterus dolomieu*

Black crappie

*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*

White crappie

*Pomoxis annularis*

Ictalurid fishes

Ictaluridae Family (catfish)

Brook trout

*Salvelinus fontinalis*

Brown trout

*Salmo trutta*

White Perch

*Morone americana*

Pumpkinseed

*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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