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GIANT SALVINIA UPDATE

MOBILE, July 27, 2021-- Intensive containment of Giant Salvinia is underway at Big Creek Lake, which will be followed by maintenance management with a goal of zero tolerance. We are working with the Environmental Protection Agency to adhere to all federal guidelines.

Giant Salvinia can grow an acre in a period of about 3 months (from one single plant) and can form mats up to 3 feet thick. In addition, the mats can become deposited on land due to wave action, water level change, etc., and it does not kill the entire mat.

We closed the boat ramp at Fox Landing Monday, July 26, 2021, and have sectioned off the area of the lake where these plants are located.

“We need the community’s assistance in protecting our lake. Boat wash downs before launching in any lake are critical to avoid transmission of invasive species”, says Public Relations Manager Monica Allen. Plant material the size of a grain of rice can cause an infestation. The primary avenue of propagation is through fragmentation that can create an entirely new plant. They are dispersed by wind, water currents, and people.

There will be no access to this area until further notice.

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