TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing

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Notice of Public Hearing

Under <u>IC 4-22-2-24</u>, notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at the Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103, Indianapolis, Indiana, the Natural Resources Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to <u>312 IAC 18-3-23</u> to add two plants, Nitellopsis obtusa (starry stonewort) and Stratiotes aloides (water soldier) to the published list of prohibited invasive aquatic plants and to repeal <u>312 IAC 18-3-21</u> on Hydrilla verticillata.

Justification Statement: For the repeal of 312 IAC 18-3-21 and the amendment to 312 IAC 18-3-23, the proposed rule amendments would not impose requirements or costs under IC 4-22-2-24(d)(3). The proposed amendment adds two invasive species to the list of regulated invasive species and asks marinas and businesses that specialize in watercraft to perform routine inspections of the equipment moving from one body of water to another to inspect for the additional invasive species. This proposed rule does not impose an additional financial burden on those businesses.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations for participation in this event should contact the Natural Resources Commission at:

Indiana Government Center North 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2273

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or call (317) 232-4699. Speech and hearing impaired callers may contact the Commission via the Indiana Relay Service (711) or (800) 743-3333. Please provide a minimum of 72 hours notification.

The proposed rule amendments may be inspected and copied at the Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103, Indianapolis, Indiana. Submit written comments to the same mailing address or electronically through http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm.

Bryan W. Poynter Chairman Natural Resources Commission

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