

# ELODEA



## spread the word, not the weed!

**Elodea** is a very invasive submerged aquatic plant. It survives freezing & spreads by tiny fragments introduced by float planes, boats, trailers, school/home aquariums, and equipment.

***It is not native to Alaska.***

### We DON'T want *Elodea* in Alaska

- **Safety:** fouls float plane rudders & boat propellers
- **Nuisance:** impedes boat & float plane launching, navigation, & fishing
- **Ecological:** degrades salmon spawning habitat
- **Economic:** reduces property values by fouling launch sites/habitats

### Confirmed infestations

- **Anchorage:** Sand, Delong, & Little Campbell Lakes
- **Fairbanks:** Chena Lake, River & Slough
- **Cordova:** Eyak, McKinley, Martin Lakes; Alaganik Slough; Eyak River; 2 unnamed ponds
- **Kenai Peninsula:** Stormy & Daniels Lakes

### Float Plane Operators - Alaska Needs Your Help!

#### ***Inspect & clean your aircraft before every flight***

- Before entering the aircraft remove visible plants and/or debris and pump water from floats
- Before takeoff don't taxi through heavy plant growth; raise and lower rudders
- After takeoff raise/lower rudders to free plant fragments over the waters you just left or dry land
- Watch "Sea Plane Inspection and Decontamination" on YouTube for more details

#### ***Report sightings & help identify new infestations***

- Note location (GPS or mark on map) and water depth/clarity.
- Take a specimen if possible (photo at a minimum). Take as much of the entire plant as you can (including the flower if present). Put it in a zip lock bag, book, or wax paper. Store in a cool place.
- Call **1-877-INVASIV** to report sightings!

#### ***Support eradication efforts!***

