

Biological Control of Aquatic Weeds: Research in California.

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Weed biological control has a long history in California and the western U.S. The choice of selecting which of the many possible plants to target with weed biological control is often driven by available financial support. This selection method may not consistently select the most problematic, most feasible, or weed with the greatest likelihood for success. The presentation will describe a new selection process that maximizes demand and benefits for improved long term success of weed biological control projects. The presentation will also include an overview of the current weed biological control projects that the USDA's Exotic and Invasive Weeds Research Unit are focusing their research efforts on.