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Upcoming Conference Takes Aim at Invasive Aquatic Plants

LAWRENCE, Kansas – JUNE 29, 2015 – Today the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) announced plans to participate in the upcoming 55th annual meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS) scheduled for July 12-15 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Attendees are expected to include scientists, educators, public officials and others interested in the impact and management of invasive aquatic plants.

Dozens of educational sessions and poster presentations are planned on topics that range from hydrilla and algae control to triploid grass carp movement patterns to aquatic plant restoration and mapping efforts, and more. Examples include:

- Jeff Schardt, recently retired after almost 40 years with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will discuss the past, present and future of aquatic plant management in Florida public waters.
- Dan Kenny of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs will discuss the role of pesticide registrations in helping to manage risk in aquatic areas.
- Mike Netherland of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will present background on the link between plant biology and management of monoecious hydrilla.
- WSSA's Science Policy Director Lee Van Wychen, Ph.D., will explore the most common and troublesome aquatic weeds.

- Gene Gilliland of B.A.S.S. will discuss initiatives to get bass fishers involved in aquatic plant issues.

For more information on the APMS annual meeting or to register to attend, visit www.apms.org.

About the Aquatic Plant Management Society

The Aquatic Plant Management Society is an international organization of scientists, educators, students, commercial pesticide applicators, administrators and concerned individuals interested in the management and study of aquatic plants. The objectives of the Society are to assist in promoting the management of nuisance aquatic plants, to provide for the scientific advancement of members of the society, to encourage scientific research, to promote university scholarship, and to extend and develop public interest in the aquatic plant science discipline. For more information, visit www.apms.org.

About the Weed Science Society of America

The Weed Science Society of America, a nonprofit scientific society, was founded in 1956 to encourage and promote the development of knowledge concerning weeds and their impact on the environment. The Society promotes research, education and extension outreach activities related to weeds, provides science-based information to the public and policy makers, fosters awareness of weeds and their impact on managed and natural ecosystems, and promotes cooperation among weed science organizations across the nation and around the world. For more information, visit www.wssa.net.