

5th Annual

Everglades Non-Native Fish Round Up



Saturday, May 17, 2014

The Everglades ecosystem is home to at least 22 non-native freshwater fish species. These non-native fish may be causing detrimental changes to our native fish communities, particularly as the number of new species continues to increase. All but two of these fish were introduced illegally as the result of releases of unwanted pets and food fish, or due to the flooding of aquaculture ponds.

The Everglades CISMA is hosting the Everglades Non-native Fish Round Up to raise public awareness about the potential negative impacts of releasing non-native fish into Florida waters, and to encourage anglers to target these nonnative species for consumption. The Round Up will also gather data into non-native fish distribution and abundance that can assist in their management.

The Round Up will be a one day event open to all anglers (shore or boat) fishing in the Everglades area. All participants will receive a shirt. **PRIZES** will be awarded for largest fish (not including Snakehead), largest Snakehead, largest aggregate catch (not including Snakehead), largest aggregate catch of Snakehead only, and will include a junior division. We also will award a "Slam" prize to the angler that catches the greatest number of non-native species. Details of prizes and locations can be

*For registration and full event rules visit:
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