



Aquatic Life Approved Species List

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For the purposes of Section 20-90 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code [515 ILCS 5/20-90], the Aquatic Life Approved Species List is established. The following aquatic life categories will be considered approved for aquaculture, transportation, stocking, importation and/or possession in the State of Illinois. Those species having special requirements are indicated by an asterisk (*).

CRUSTACEANS

Isopod	<i>Asellus intermedius</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea beattyi</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea bicrenata</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea brevicauda</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea forbesi</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea intermedius</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea kendeighi</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea packardi</i>
Isopod	<i>Caecidotea stygia</i>
Amphipod	<i>Pontoporeia hoyi</i>
Amphipod	<i>Hyaella azteca</i>
Amphipod	<i>Batrachus brachycaudus</i>
Amphipod	<i>Batrachus mucronatus</i>
Amphipod	<i>Crangonyx forbesi</i>
Amphipod	<i>Crangonyx gracilis</i>
Amphipod	<i>Crangonyx minor</i>
Amphipod	<i>Crangonyx pseudogracilis</i>
Amphipod	<i>Crangonyx richmondensis</i>
Amphipod	<i>Gammarus fasciatus</i>
Amphipod	<i>Gammarus minus</i>
Amphipod	<i>Gammarus pseudolimnaeus</i>
Amphipod	<i>Gammarus troglophilus</i>
Amphipod	<i>Synurella bifurca</i>
Amphipod	<i>Synurella dentata</i>
Glass Shrimp	<i>Palaemonetes kadiakensis</i>
Giant Malaysian Prawn	<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>
White River Crayfish	<i>Procambarus acutus</i>
Papershell Crayfish	<i>Orconectes immunis</i>
Northern Crayfish	<i>Orconectes virilis</i>
Devil Crayfish	<i>Cambarus diogenes</i>

MUSSELS and CLAMS

Three-ridge	<i>Amblema plicata</i>
Wabash Pigtoe	<i>Fusconaia flava</i>
Monkeyface	<i>Quadrula metanerva</i>
Wartyback	<i>Quadrula nodulata</i>
Pimpleback	<i>Quadrula pustulosa</i>
Mapleleaf	<i>Quadrula quadrula</i>
Buckhorn	<i>Tritogonia verrucosa</i>
Washboard	<i>Megaloniaias nervosa</i>
Elktoe	<i>Alasmidonta marginata</i>
Common Floater	<i>Anodonta grandis grandis</i>
Paper Pondshell	<i>Anodonta imbecillis</i>
Flat Floater	<i>Anodonta suborbiculata</i>
Cylindrical Papershell	<i>Anodontoides ferussacianus</i>
Rock Pocketbook	<i>Arcidens confragosus</i>
White Heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona complanata</i>
Fluted Shell	<i>Lasmigona costata</i>
Squawfoot	<i>Strophitus undulatus</i>
Mucket	<i>Actinonaias ligamentina</i>
Fatmucket	<i>Lampsilis siliquoidea</i>
Yellow Sandshell	<i>Lampsilis teres</i>
Plain Pocketbook	<i>Lampsilis ventricosa</i>
Fragile Papershell	<i>Leptodea fragilis</i>
Common Pondmussel	<i>Ligumia subrostrata</i>
Hickorynut	<i>Obovaria olivaria</i>
Creek Heelsplitter	<i>Lasmigona compressa</i>
Pink Heelsplitter	<i>Potamilus alatus</i>
Pink Papershell	<i>Potamilus ohioensis</i>
Lilliput	<i>Toxolasma parvus</i>
Fawnsfoot	<i>Truncilla donaciformis</i>
Deertoe	<i>Truncilla truncata</i>
Three-horned Wartyback	<i>Obliquaria reflexa</i>
Long Fingernail Clam	<i>Musculium transversum</i>
Striated Fingernail Clam	<i>Sphaerium striatinum</i>
Pondhorn Mussel	<i>Unio merus tetralasmus</i>

GASTROPODS

Snail	<i>Valvata bicarinata</i>
Snail	<i>Valvata perdepressa</i>
Snail	<i>Valvata sincera</i>
Snail	<i>Viviparus georgianus</i>
Snail	<i>Viviparus intertextus</i>
Snail	<i>Viviparus subpurpureus</i>
Snail	<i>Campeloma crassula</i>
Snail	<i>Campeloma decisum</i>
Snail	<i>Lioplax sulculosa</i>
Snail	<i>Bithynia tentaculata</i>
Snail	<i>Probythinella lacustris</i>
Snail	<i>Somatogyrus depressus</i>
Snail	<i>Somatogyrus tryoni</i>
Snail	<i>Cincinnatia integra</i>
Snail	<i>Pyrgulopsis scalariformis</i>
Snail	<i>Amnicola aldrichi antroecetes</i>
Snail	<i>Amnicola limosa parva</i>
Snail	<i>Amnicola pilsbryi</i>
Snail	<i>Pomatiopsis cincinnatiensis</i>
Snail	<i>Pomatiopsis lapidaria</i>
Snail	<i>Elmia costifera</i>
Snail	<i>Leptoxis praerosa</i>
Snail	<i>Lithasia obovata</i>
Snail	<i>Lithasia armigera</i>
Snail	<i>Lithasia verrucosa</i>
Snail	<i>Pleurocera acuta acuta</i>
Snail	<i>Pleurocera acuta hinkleyi</i>
Snail	<i>Pleurocera acuta lewisi</i>
Snail	<i>Pleurocera alveare</i>
Snail	<i>Pleurocera caniculatum caniculatum</i>
Snail	<i>Pleurocera caniculatum undulatum</i>
Snail	<i>Acella haldemani</i>
Snail	<i>Fossaria exigua</i>
Snail	<i>Fossaria obrussa</i>
Snail	<i>Fossaria rustica</i>
Snail	<i>Fossaria parva</i>
Snail	<i>Fossaria tazewelliana</i>
Snail	<i>Fossaria dalli</i>
Snail	<i>Lymnaea stagnalis appressa</i>
Snail	<i>Pseudosuccinea columella</i>
Snail	<i>Stagnicola elodes</i>
Snail	<i>Stagnicola exilis</i>

Snail	<i>Stagnicola walkeriana</i>
Snail	<i>Stagnicola woodruffi</i>
Snail	<i>Stagnicola caperata</i>
Snail	<i>Physella gyrina</i>
Snail	<i>Physella heterostropha halei</i>
Snail	<i>Physella heterostropha pomila</i>
Snail	<i>Physella integra integra</i>
Snail	<i>Physella virgata anatina</i>
Snail	<i>Aplexa elongata morph</i>
Snail	<i>Gyraulus deflectus</i>
Snail	<i>Menetus dilatatus</i>
Snail	<i>Menetus sampsoni</i>
Snail	<i>Planorbella campanulata campanulata</i>
Snail	<i>Planorbella pseudotrivolvis</i>
Snail	<i>Planorbella trivolvis trivolvis</i>
Snail	<i>Planorbella truncatum</i>
Snail	<i>Rhoclacmea hinkleyi</i>
Snail	<i>Ferrisia fragilis</i>
Snail	<i>Ferrisia parallelus</i>
Snail	<i>Lavevapex diaphanus</i>

FISH

Chestnut Lamprey	<i>Ichthyomyzon castaneus</i>
Silver Lamprey	<i>Ichthyomyzon unicuspis</i>
American Brook Lamprey	<i>Lampetra appendix</i>
Shovelnose Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirynchus platyrhynchus</i>
Paddlefish	<i>Polyodon spathula</i>
Spotted Gar	<i>Lepisosteus oculatus</i>
Longnose Gar	<i>Lepisosteus osseus</i>
Shortnose Gar	<i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>
Bowfin	<i>Amia calva</i>
American Eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>
Alabama Shad	<i>Alosa alabamae</i>
Skipjack Herring	<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>
Alewife	<i>Alosa pseudoharengus</i>
Gizzard Shad	<i>Dorosoma cepedianum</i>
Threadfin Shad	<i>Dorosoma petenense</i>
Goldeye	<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>
Mooneye	<i>Hiodon tergisus</i>
Bloater	<i>Coregonus hoyi</i>
Round Whitefish	<i>Prosopium cylindraceum</i>
*Brook Trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>
*Lake Trout	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>

*Brown Trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>
*Rainbow Trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
*Coho Salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>
*Chinook Salmon	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>
Rainbow Smelt	<i>Osmerus mordax</i>
Central Mudminnow	<i>Umbra limi</i>
Grass Pickerel	<i>Esox americanus</i>
Northern Pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>
Muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>
Tiger Muskellunge	<i>Esox masquinongy x E. lucius</i>
Goldfish	<i>Carassius auratus</i>
Common Carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>
Golden Shiner	<i>Notemigonus crysoleucas</i>
Creek Chub	<i>Semotilus atromaculatus</i>
Lake Chub	<i>Coesius plumbeus</i>
Hornyhead Chub	<i>Nocomis biguttatus</i>
Speckled Chub	<i>Macrhybopsis aestivalis</i>
Silver Chub	<i>Macrhybopsis storeriana</i>
Blacknose Dace	<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>
Longnose Dace	<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>
Suckermouth Minnow	<i>Phenacobius mirabilis</i>
Emerald Shiner	<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>
River Shiner	<i>Notropis blennioides</i>
Ghost Shiner	<i>Notropis bairdii</i>
Bigmouth Shiner	<i>Notropis dorsalis</i>
Spottail Shiner	<i>Notropis hudsonius</i>
Rosyface Shiner	<i>Notropis rubellus</i>
Silverband Shiner	<i>Notropis shumardi</i>
Sand Shiner	<i>Notropis stramineus</i>
Mimic Shiner	<i>Notropis volucellus</i>
Ribbon Shiner	<i>Lythrurus fumeus</i>
Redfin Shiner	<i>Lythrurus umbratilis</i>
Red Shiner	<i>Cyprinella lutrensis</i>
Spotfin Shiner	<i>Cyprinella spiloptera</i>
Steelcolor Shiner	<i>Cyprinella whipplei</i>
Striped Shiner	<i>Luxilus chrysocephalus</i>
Common Shiner	<i>Luxilus cornutus</i>
Silverjaw Minnow	<i>Ericymba buccata</i>
Southern Redbelly Dace	<i>Phoxinus erythrogaster</i>
Silvery Minnow	<i>Hybognathus nuchalis</i>
Bluntnose Minnow	<i>Pimephales notatus</i>
Fathead Minnow	<i>Pimephales promelas</i>
Bullhead Minnow	<i>Pimephales vigilax</i>
Central Stoneroller	<i>Campestris anomalum</i>

Largescale Stoneroller	<i>Campostoma oligolepis</i>
Blue Sucker	<i>Cycleptus elongatus</i>
Smallmouth Buffalo	<i>Ictiobus bubalus</i>
Bigmouth Buffalo	<i>Ictiobus cyprinellus</i>
Black Buffalo	<i>Ictiobus niger</i>
River Carpsucker	<i>Carpionodes carpio</i>
Quillback	<i>Carpionodes cyprinus</i>
Highfin Carpsucker	<i>Carpionodes velifer</i>
Silver Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma anisurum</i>
Black Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma duquesnei</i>
Golden Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma erythrurum</i>
Shorthead Redhorse	<i>Moxostoma macrolepidotum</i>
Northern Hog Sucker	<i>Hypentelium nigricans</i>
White Sucker	<i>Catostomus commersoni</i>
Spotted Sucker	<i>Minytrema melanops</i>
Creek Chubsucker	<i>Erimyzon oblongus</i>
Lake Chubsucker	<i>Erimyzon sucetta</i>
White Catfish	<i>Ameiurus catus</i>
Black Bullhead	<i>Ameiurus melas</i>
Yellow Bullhead	<i>Ameiurus natalis</i>
Brown Bullhead	<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>
Blue Catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>
Channel Catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>
Flathead Catfish	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>
Mountain Madtom	<i>Noturus eleutherus</i>
Slender Madtom	<i>Noturus exilis</i>
Stonecat	<i>Noturus flavus</i>
Tadpole Madtom	<i>Noturus gyrinus</i>
Brindled Madtom	<i>Noturus miurus</i>
Freckled Madtom	<i>Noturus nocturnus</i>
Pirate Perch	<i>Aphredoderus sayanus</i>
Trout-perch	<i>Percopsis omiscomaycus</i>
Burbot	<i>Lota lota</i>
Starhead Topminnow	<i>Fundulus dispar</i>
Blackstripe Topminnow	<i>Fundulus notatus</i>
Blackspotted Topminnow	<i>Fundulus olivaceus</i>
Mosquitofish	<i>Gambusia affinis</i>
Brook Silverside	<i>Labidesthes sicculus</i>
Brook Stickleback	<i>Culaea inconstans</i>
Ninespine Stickleback	<i>Pungitius pungitius</i>
Mottled Sculpin	<i>Cottus bairdi</i>
Banded Sculpin	<i>Cottus carolinae</i>
White Bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>
Striped Bass	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>

Hybrid Striped Bass	<i>hybrids of listed</i>
Yellow Bass	<i>Morone mississippiensis</i>
Smallmouth Bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
Northern Largemouth Bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides salmoides</i>
Spotted Bass	<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>
Green Sunfish	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>
Warmouth	<i>Lepomis gulosus</i>
Orangespotted Sunfish	<i>Lepomis humilis</i>
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
Longear Sunfish	<i>Lepomis megalotis</i>
Redear Sunfish	<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>
Hybrid sunfish	<i>hybrids of listed</i>
Rock Bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>
White Crappie	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>
Black Crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>
Hybrid crappie	<i>hybrids of listed</i>
Flier	<i>Centrarchus macropterus</i>
Sauger	<i>Zander canadense</i>
Walleye	<i>Zander vitreus</i>
Saugeye	<i>hybrids of listed</i>
Yellow Perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>
Logperch	<i>Percina caprodes</i>
Blackside Darter	<i>Percina maculata</i>
Slenderhead Darter	<i>Percina phoxocephala</i>
River Darter	<i>Percina shumardi</i>
Mud Darter	<i>Etheostoma asprigene</i>
Greenside Darter	<i>Etheostoma blennioides</i>
Rainbow Darter	<i>Etheostoma caeruleum</i>
Bluntnose Darter	<i>Etheostoma chlorosomum</i>
Fantail Darter	<i>Etheostoma flabellare</i>
Slough Darter	<i>Etheostoma gracile</i>
Stripetail Darter	<i>Etheostoma kennicotti</i>
Least Darter	<i>Etheostoma microperca</i>
Johnny Darter	<i>Etheostoma nigrum</i>
Orangethroat Darter	<i>Etheostoma spectabile</i>
Banded Darter	<i>Etheostoma zonale</i>
Freshwater Drum	<i>Aplodinotus grunniens</i>

PLANTS

Lake Cress	<i>Armoracia aquatica</i>
Mosquito-fern	<i>Azolla caroliniana</i>
Mexican Azolla	<i>Azolla mexicana</i>
Disk Water Hyssop	<i>Bacopa rotundifolia</i>
Water Shield	<i>Brasenia schreberi</i>
Green Waterstarwort	<i>Callitriche verna</i>
Coontail	<i>Ceratophyllum demersum</i>
Pimpled Hornwort	<i>Ceratophyllum muricatum</i>
Water Willow	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>
Water-purslane	<i>Didiplis diandra</i>
American Waterwort	<i>Elatine americana</i>
Chinese Waterchestnut	<i>Eleocharis dulcis</i>
Creeping Spikerush	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>
Squarestem Spikerush	<i>Eleocharis quadrangulata</i>
Canadian Waterweed	<i>Elodea canadensis</i>
Western Waterweed	<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>
Eastern Mannagrass	<i>Glyceria septentrionalis</i>
Round-fruited Hedge-hyssop	<i>Gratiola virginiana</i>
Mare's-tail	<i>Hippuris vulgaris</i>
Featherfoil	<i>Hottonia inflata</i>
Swollen Duckweed	<i>Lemna gibba</i>
Least Duckweed	<i>Lemna minima</i>
Lesser Duckweed	<i>Lemna minor</i>
Alga (Birdbath algae)	<i>Haematococcus pluvialis</i>
Duckweed	<i>Lemna obscura</i>
Minute Duckweed	<i>Lemna perpusilla</i>
Duckweed	<i>Lemna trinervis</i>
Star Duckweed	<i>Lemna trisulca</i>
Valdivia Duckweed	<i>Lemna valdiviana</i>
Marsh Purslane	<i>Ludwigia palustris</i>
Perennial Waterprimrose	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>
Narrow-leaved Loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia hybrida</i>
Variableleaf Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
Western Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum hippuroides</i>
Low Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum humile</i>
Pinnate Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum pinnatum</i>
Whorled Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum verticillatum</i>
Slender Naiad	<i>Najas flexilis</i>
Thread-like Naiad	<i>Najas gracillima</i>
Southern Naiad	<i>Najas guadalupensis</i>
Spiny Naiad	<i>Najas marina</i>
American Lotus	<i>Nelumbo lutea</i>

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Spatterdock	<i>Nuphar luteum</i>
White Waterlily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>
White Waterlily	<i>Nymphaea tuberosa</i>
Arrow Arum	<i>Peltandra virginica</i>
Hornleaf Riverweed	<i>Podostemum ceratophyllum</i>
Water Smartweed	<i>Polygonum amphibium</i>
Pickernelweed	<i>Pontedaria cordata</i>
Largeleaf Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton amplifolius</i>
Waterthread Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton diversifolius</i>
Ribbonleaf Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton epihydrus</i>
Leafy Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton foliosus</i>
Fries Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton friesii</i>
Illinois Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton illinoensis</i>
Floatingleaf Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton natans</i>
Long-leaved Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton nodosus</i>
Sago Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton pectinatus</i>
Small Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton pusillus</i>
Richardson Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>
Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton x hagstroemii</i>
Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton x rectifolius</i>
Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton x spathuliformis</i>
Flatstem Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton zosteriformis</i>
Marsh Mermaid Weed	<i>Proserpinaca palustris</i>
White Water-crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus trichophyllus</i>
Maryland Meadowbeauty	<i>Rhexia mariana</i>
Swamp Dock	<i>Rumex verticillatus</i>
Widgeongrass	<i>Ruppia maritima</i>
Shortbeaked Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria brevurostra</i>
Hooded Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria calycina</i>
Yellow Water Crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus flabellaris</i>
White Water Crowfoot	<i>Ranunculus longirostris</i>
Celeryleaf Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus sceleratus</i>
Northern Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria cuneata</i>
Englemann Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria engelmanniana</i>
Grassy Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>
Broadleaf Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria latifolia</i>
Stiff Arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria rigida</i>
Lizard's Tail	<i>Saururus cernuus</i>
Olney's Bulrush	<i>Scirpus americanus</i>
River Bulrush	<i>Scirpus fluviatilis</i>
Water Parsnip	<i>Sium suave</i>
Brancing Burreed	<i>Sparganium androcladum</i>
Narrow-leaved Burreed	<i>Sparganium emersum</i>
Giant Burreed	<i>Sparganium eurycarpum</i>

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Small Burreed	<i>Sparganium minimum</i>
Duckweed	<i>Spirodela oligorrhiza</i>
Big Duckweed	<i>Spirodela polyrhiza</i>
Narrow-leaved Cattail	<i>Typha angustifolia</i>
Common Cattail	<i>Typha latifolia</i>
Little Floating Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia radiata</i>
Lavender Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia resupinata</i>
Zigzag Bladderwort	<i>Utricularia subulata</i>
Watermeal	<i>Wolffia columbiana</i>
Watermeal	<i>Wolffia papulifera</i>
Watermeal	<i>Wolffia punctata</i>
Bog-mat	<i>Wolffiella floridana</i>
Richard's Yelloweyed Grass	<i>Xyris jupicai</i>
Slender Yelloweyed Grass	<i>Xyris torta</i>
Horned Pondweed	<i>Zannichellia palustris</i>
Wild Rice	<i>Zizania aquatica</i>
Water Stargrass	<i>Zosterella dubia</i>
Water Cress	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>