

(3) MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS.—The council shall meet at least annually and elect a chairman and a vice chairman for 1-year terms.

(a) The council shall meet at the call of the chairman, at the request of the department or a majority of the council membership, or at such times as may be prescribed by council rules.

(b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall designate one of the department representatives to serve as the secretary of the council.

(c) In conducting its meetings, the council shall use accepted rules of procedure. The secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, which shall show the names of the members present at each meeting and the actions taken. The records shall be kept on file with the secretary and shall be public records.

(4) OFFICIAL ACTION.—A majority of members shall constitute a quorum, and action by a majority of a quorum shall be official.

(5) PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

*History.*—s. 9, ch. 93-29; s. 4, ch. 96-231; s. 14, ch. 96-407.

**CHAPTER 581**

**PLANT INDUSTRY**

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**581.145 Aquatic plant nursery registration; special permit requirements.—**

(1) A nursery or nursery stock dealer shall not engage in any business involving the importation, transportation, cultivation, collection, sale, or possession of any aquatic plant species unless a certification of registration has been issued by the department.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any nursery or nursery stock dealer to import, transport, cultivate, collect, sell, or possess any noxious aquatic plant listed on the prohibited aquatic plant list established by the Department of Environmental Protection in s. 369.25(3)(b) without a special permit issued by the department.

(a) No special permit shall be issued until the department determines that the proposed activity poses no threat or danger to the waters, wildlife, natural resources, agriculture, or environment of the state.

(b) The department may not issue a special permit with respect to a prohibited aquatic plant species if the Department of Environmental Protection prohibits the importation, transportation, cultivation, collection, sale, or possession of the species.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of state or federal law, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall issue, by request, a permit to the aquaculture producer to engage in the business of exporting water hyacinths (*Eichhornia spp.*) only to Canada and only when such water hyacinths are cultivated

in a nursery for the sole purpose of exportation and the aquaculture activity has been certified by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. In accordance with any appropriate federal law or United States treaty, no Florida aquaculture producer shall ship water hyacinths to Canada under such a permit for the purpose of importing water hyacinths back into the United States, nor shall drop shipments be made to any other destination within the United States. This provision shall in no way restrict or interfere with the Department of Environmental Protection's efforts, or those of any other agency or local government with responsibilities for the management of noxious aquatic plants, to control or eradicate noxious nonnursery aquatic plants, including water hyacinths. This provision shall not be a consideration in the approval or the release of biological control agents for water hyacinths or any other noxious aquatic plants.

*History.*—s. 6, ch. 92-147; s. 52, ch. 93-169; s. 464, ch. 94-356; s. 73, ch. 95-144; s. 22, ch. 96-247.

**581.199 Confidential business information.**—It is unlawful for any authorized representative who in an official capacity obtains under the provisions of this chapter any information entitled to protection as a trade secret, as defined in s. 812.081, to use that information for personal gain or to reveal it to any unauthorized person.

*History.*—s. 6, ch. 88-31; s. 8, ch. 92-4; s. 59, ch. 93-169; s. 353, ch. 96-406.

**CHAPTER 585**

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