

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Leaf tip morphology does not support species status for the seagrass, *Halodule beaudettei* in

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TABLE S1. List of 15 descriptive questions used to characterize literature descriptions of leaf tip shape for *Halodule wrightii* and *Halodule beaudettei*.

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| Q1 | Are there 3 teeth? |
| Q2 | Are the lateral teeth asymmetric in length? |
| Q3 | Is the median tooth longer than both lateral teeth? |
| Q4 | Is the median tooth the same height as both lateral teeth? |
| Q5 | Are the median tooth margins concave? |
| Q6 | Are the median tooth margins convex? |
| Q7 | Is the area between the lateral teeth flat? |
| Q8 | Are the tooth margins serrated? |
| Q9 | Does the midrib project beyond the leaf tip? |
| Q10 | Does the midrib widen/split at tip? |
| Q11 | Does the midrib brown at leaf apex? |
| Q12 | Are the inner margins of the lateral teeth concave? |
| Q13 | Are the inner margins of the lateral teeth convex? |
| Q14 | Are the inner margins of the lateral teeth angular (flat)? |
| Q15 | Are the lateral teeth dominant? |