

b. Develops and submits recommendations to the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force,
 c. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Great Lakes,

d. Advises public and private interests on control efforts, and
 e. Submits an annual report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.
 The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Great Lakes region of the United States that includes eight Great Lakes States: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin. The Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will discuss several topics at this meeting including: progress reports on the Aquatic Invasive Species action plan; the Panel's draft operational guidance; the Great lakes Regional Collaboration and related significance for Aquatic Invasive Species work in the region, including for the Great Lakes Panel; committee meetings (Research, Information/Education, and Legislation/Policy); progress reports from Great Lakes panel projects and Great Lakes Commission projects (ANS-GIS, Early Detection, Rapid Response); recommendations for the ANS Task Force; and updates from Panel member organizations and states.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Detection and Monitoring Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Detection and Monitoring Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Smithsonian Environmental

Research Center, 647 Contees Wharf Rd., Edgewood, Maryland. Phone (443) 482-2200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Fuller, Chair, Detection and Monitoring Committee, at (352) 264-3481 or by e-mail at: Pam_Fuller@usgs.gov or Pam Meacham, Acting Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at (703) 358-1796 or by e-mail at: pam_meacham@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Detection and Monitoring Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741). Topics to be addressed at this meeting include: A discussion of the committee's goals; a demonstration of the USGS database on sampling protocols for aquatic invasive species, followed by discussion on standardized protocols and reviewer recommendations; presentations by selected monitoring programs focusing on geographic location, habitat, sampling techniques and species sampled; and discussion of a framework for inventorying monitoring activities and data management for aquatic invasive species in the U.S.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. Minutes for the meetings will be available at this location for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The meeting is open to

the public. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

DATES: The Northeast Regional Panel will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2005. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: The Northeast Regional Panel meeting will be held at the Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Phone (603) 431-6774. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Tremblay, NEANS Panel Program Manager at (603) 796-2615 or, by e-mail, at info@northeastans.org or Pam Meacham, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at (703) 358-1796.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Northeast Regional Panel. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Northeast Regional Panel was established by the ANS Task Force in 2001. The NEANS Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, performs the following activities:

- a. Identifies priorities for the Northeast Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species,
- b. Makes recommendations to the Task Force,
- c. Assists the Task Force in coordinating Federal aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Northeast region,
- d. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Northeast region,
- e. Provides advice to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of controlling aquatic nuisance species, and
- f. Submits an annual report describing activities within the Northeast region related to aquatic nuisance species prevention, research, and control.

The purpose of the Panel is to advise and make recommendations to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on issues relating to the Northeast region of the United States that includes seven