

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Room 4527
November 4-5, 2009
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November 4, 2009 – Wednesday

- 7:30 – 8:00 **Security Check**
- 8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (*Pat Montanio, NOAA/Jeff Underwood, FWS/Peg Brady, NOAA*)
- 8:45 – 9:00 (#1) **Self Introductions** (name and agency)
- 9:00 – 10:00 (#2) **Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action Items from Bozeman meeting

- 1) Focus fall 2009 meeting on implementation of ANSTF Strategic Plan and NISC Management Plan (*Susan Mangin, FWS – Session #3*)
- 2) Status of Utah ANS Plan (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 3) QZAP Actions (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 4) Review funding recommendation for regional panels and state ANS plans (*Susan Mangin, FWS – See session #5*)
- 5) Work with Regional panels to schedule spring meetings on rotating basis (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 6) Follow up with Federal agencies about including link to experts database (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 7) Research protocol actions (*Dave Reid, NOAA*)
- 8) Asian Carp Actions (*Susan Mangin, FWS – See session #13*)
- 9) Review of rapid response plans (*Jonathan McKnight, MD, DNR*)
- 10) Ballast Water Protocol for emergency groundings (*CDR Croot, USCG*)
- 11) Transport of ANS on tugs and barges (*CDR Croot, USCG*)
- 12) Share MARP list of ANS of special interest with other panels (*Jonathan McKnight, MD, DNR*)

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**

10:15 - 12:00 (#3) **Decisional: Top Priorities of ANSTF Strategic Plan Priority Objectives and their Relation to the NISC Management Plan** (See handouts #1 and #2) (*Meeting Participants*)

Decision Points: Recommend ANSTF Strategic Plan Priorities for FY10, FY11 and FY12

12:00 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 2:15 (#4) **Informational: Ballast Water Discussion** (*Marcus Zobrist, EPA; CDR Gary Croot, USCG; and Mario Tamburri, University of Maryland*)

2:15 – 3:00 (#5) **Decisional: Panel Funding Needs** (See handout #3) (5 minutes for each panel) (*Panel order: Western Regional Panel, Great Lakes Panel, Gulf and South Atlantic Panel, Northeast Panel, Mississippi River Basin Panel, Mid-Atlantic Panel*)

Decision Point – Recommend that the ANSTF explore means of funding Panel activities.

3:00 – 3:15 **BREAK**

3:15 – 3:45 (#6) **Decisional: Panel Updates**

(3:15 – 3:20) Mid-Atlantic Panel (*Jonathan McKnight, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*)

- 1) Encourage increased consistent communication with regional panels, including sharing concerns about AIS issues.
- 2) Encourage consistent guidance for development of state ANS plans.

(3:20 – 3:25) Northeast Panel (*Jan Smith, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management*)

- 1) Work with appropriate members of Congress to appropriate to the full authorization for State Management Plans.

- 2) Identify and secure other sources of funding to support regional panel's initiatives and other expenses including meetings and workshops.

(3:25 – 3:30) Mississippi River Basin Panel (*Jason Goeckler, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks*)

(3:30 – 3:35) Gulf and Atlantic States Regional Panel (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)

- 1) Continue working on securing more funding for state plans and panels so that they can start to be more proactive in their efforts to control aquatic invasive species.

(3:35 – 3:40) Great Lakes Panel (*Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Great Lakes Commission*)

(3:40 – 3:45) Western Regional Panel (*Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks*)

1) To be discussed during session # 12.

3:45 – 4:05 (#7) **Decisional: National Center for Biological Invasions** (*Don Schmitz, FL Fish and Wildlife Commission*)

Decision Point:

- 1) Recommend that the ANSTF look at the possibility of networking existing centers/institutions to establish a national center for biological invasions.
- 2) Recommend ANSTF consider attendance at 2010 Networking Workshop.

4:05 – 4:20 (#8) **Informational: A Preliminary Overview of the State ANS Plans** (*Peg Brady and Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

4:20 – 4:35 (#9) **Informational: National Invasive Species Awareness Week** (*Kim Bogenschutz, Iowa DNR*)

4:35 – 4:45 (#10) **Recognition for ANSTF Support**

4:45 – 5:00 (#11) **Public Comment**

Wednesday Evening Plans: We do not have a sponsored reception; however we've made arrangements to reserve tables for our group with a local restaurant owner. We will be getting a head count of those interested to join the dinner @ the start of the meeting. A group will gather @ the Courtyard Marriott hotel lobby at 6:15 pm & others may go directly from the NOAA conference room to Golden Flame Restaurant (8630 Fenton St, Silver Spring, MD (301) 588-7250) within walking distance of the Marriott Courtyard, NOAA & the Silver Spring METRO station.

6:30: Refreshments Gathering @ Golden Flame Restaurant.

7:00: Dinner Gathering @ Golden Flame Restaurant.

Golden Flame Restaurant link: <http://www.goldenflamerestaurant.com/>

November 5, 2009 – Thursday

7:30 – 8:00 **Security Check**

8:00 – 8:15 **Registration**

8:15 – 8:30 **Introductory Remarks/Housekeeping**

8:30 – 10:00 (#12) **Decisional: Quagga-Zebra Mussel Action Plan for Western U.S. Waters** (See handout #4) (*Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks/ Jeff Underwood, FWS*)

Decision Points:

- 1) Recommend ANSTF adopt the plan
- 2) Recommend how the ANSTF proceed with plan implementation and coordination
- 3) Recommend actions that the ANSTF will implement

10:00 – 10:10 **BREAK**

10:10 – 10:50 (#13) **Decisional: Discussion of State/Interstate ANS Management Plans** (10 minutes/plan)

10:10 – 10:20 **Lake Tahoe** (*Ted Thayer, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency*)

10:20 – 10:30 **Georgia** (*Keith Weaver, Georgia DNR*)

10:30 – 10:40 **Minnesota** (*Mike Hoff, FWS*)

10:40 – 10:50 **South Carolina** (*Susan Mangin*)

Decision Points: Recommend approving these plans

10:50 – 11:20 (#14) **Informational: Status of Asian Carp Management Plan and Triploid Grass Carp Inspection Certification Program** (*Mike Weimer, FWS*)

11:20 – 12:00 (#15) **Informational: Rapid Response**

Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response Action Plan for AIS (*Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program*)

Rapid Response for Asian Carp (*Bill Bolen, EPA*)

12:00 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 1:45 (#16) **Informational: AIS Introductions through School Activities** (*Sam Chan, Oregon State University*)

1:45 – 2:15 (#17) **Informational: “It’s in the Bag” – Managing the Potential Spread of AIS from Crane Testing** (*Joe Divittorio, BOR, Angelo Cimini, VP of Imes Water Weights, and Ed Arias, Imes Water Weights*)

2:15 – 2:45 (#18) **Informational: Coordinated Interagency Giant Salvinia Control** (*Bob Pitman, FWS*)

2:45 – 3:00 (#19) **Committee Updates**

3:00 – 3:15 **BREAK**

3:15 – 4:30 (#20) **Member Updates**

4:30 – 4:45 (#21) **Public Comment**

4:45 – 5:00 (#22) **Meeting Summary**

5:00 **Adjourn**