

## **Coordinated Interagency Giant Salvinia Control**

Giant salvinia, *Salvinia molesta*, coverage and spread has increased in parts of Texas and Louisiana despite extensive spraying, bio-control releases and enhanced law enforcement attention towards recreational boaters. An interagency team was recently formed to share resources, research and ideas in order to increase control efficiency across affected states. This presentation describes how the interagency members will function as a component of the Gulf & South Atlantic Regional Panel.

### **Request from (Name & affiliation):**

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### **Briefing time requested:**

20 minutes

### **Is the briefing item decisional or informational?**

Informational

### **Is the briefing item time sensitive? If so, when does ANSTF action need to be taken?**

It is Not time sensitive

### **If decisional, what are the specific decision points for the ANSTF to consider?**

It is Not decisional

### **Does the subject matter relate to an objective(s) identified in the 2007-2012 ANS Strategic Plan? If so, explain.**

This subject relates to several aspects of the Strategic Plan. The most notable link is to Goal #5, "Maximize the organizational effectiveness of the ANS Task Force" and its primary objective to "facilitate cooperation and coordination among federal agencies" and federal agency coordination "with state, tribal and local governments to address the threat of ANS." There are also obvious links to Goal 4 to "Increase public understanding" and objective 2.3 for state plans.

### **What is the ANSTF role(s) regarding the subject & decision points?**

The Task Force should know that that this interagency control is underway as a function of the Gulf & South Atlantic Regional Panel. The Interagency Giant Salvinia Control Team will be submitting proposals for grants and outside funding as an element of the Regional Panel and the Task Force. Several Task Force members are included in the Team and may realign funding priorities to support this national control.

### **Has this topic been considered by an ANSTF subcommittee &/or ANSTF in the past?**

A National Action Plan to control giant salvinia, *Salvinia molesta*, was drafted by states and partners in the late 1990s prior to full formation and function of the Gulf & South Atlantic Regional Panel. This plan never really become operational due to fragmented responses and programmatic disconnect between agencies and states. The framework for a coordinated response for giant salvinia control in the southeast exists within the Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel members working as a specific control team.

### **If so, when?**

### **If so, what was the recommendation(s) &/or action(s) taken?**