

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

Holiday Inn
Arlington, VA
November 7-9, 2006

Draft Agenda (As of 10/20/06)

November 7, 2006 - Tuesday

8:30 - 8:35 Welcome

Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA

8:35 - 8:45 (#1) Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

- Introductions
- Approval of May 24-26, 2006 minutes
- Review of Action Items from May Meeting

8:45 - 10:15 (#2) Rapid Response

The intent of the day's focus on 'rapid response' is to get the ANSTF and other attendees thinking about what steps need to be taken to improve the level of preparedness and capabilities to mount an effective response to a report of a nonindigenous and potentially invasive species. Presentations are 15-30 minutes and will be followed with Q&A as time allows. The afternoon session will build on this as breakout groups will look at various elements of the response and recommend follow-on actions for consideration by the ANSTF.

Presentations & Discussion

- (1) *What is 'rapid response'? Develop a working definition. (ANSTF)*
- (2) *National Framework for Early Detection, Rapid Assessment and Rapid Response to Invasive Species (Sharon Gross / USGS)*
- (3) *Zebra Mussel Rapid Response Plan for Columbia River Basin (Paul Heimowitz / USFWS)*

10:15 - 10:45 BREAK

10:45 - 12:00 (#2) Rapid Response (cont.)

- (4) *Response to Report of Chinese Mitten Crab in Chesapeake Bay (2006) (Lynn Fegley / Maryland Department of Natural Resources)*
- (5) *Incident Command System as a Framework for ANS Response (CDR Vickie Huyck / USCG)*

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH (on your own)

1:30 - 2:30 (#3) Rapid Response Breakout Sessions

Group facilitators TBA

The afternoon will be used for breakout sessions (3 groups) where participants will be asked to consider one of the following:

- 1) What are the organizational/regulatory barriers to response and how these might be removed?
- 2) What types of tools are needed to conduct an effective response? How could these be developed?
- 3) What should a model response plan contain and how should it be organized?

2:30 - 3:15 (#3) Return to Plenary

Groups report on their discussions, get feedback and plan for second session.

3:15 - 3:30 BREAK

3:30 - 4:30 (#3) Breakout Sessions (cont.)

4:30 - 5:00 (#3) Return to Plenary

Groups report on their discussions and make recommendations for follow-on ANSTF action

5:00 ADJOURN FOR DAY

November 8, 2006 - Wednesday

8:00 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 Reconvene

8:30 - 10:00 (#4) Committee Reports

Delivery of 2006 reports; presentation/approval of 2007 work plans; ANSTF instructions to committees. (*Committees chairs are asked to identify any challenges they are encountering and how the ANSTF might be able to assist in meeting these.*)

10:00 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 - 12:00 (#5) Ballast Water Management (update)

U.S. Coast Guard

(#6) Taxonomic Experts Database (status and next steps)

Pam Fuller, USGS

(#7) Intel Science and Engineering Fair Rules (status of collaboration)

Scott Newsham, ANSTF Executive Secretary

(#8) Genetics as a biocontrol strategy

General discussion on what role the ANSTF should play in this field

(#9) General ANSTF business (as needed)

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 - 3:00 (#10) Report from Regional Panel Principals Meeting

Presentation of panel activity highlights from past year and issues & recommendations generated from the meeting held on Monday, 11/6/06. ANSTF discussion.

3:00 - 3:30 BREAK

3:30 - 4:30 (#10) Report from Regional Panel Principals meeting (cont)

Presentation of panel activity highlights from past year and issues & recommendations generated from the meeting held on Monday, 11/6/06. ANSTF discussion.

4:30 - 5:00 (#11) ANSTF Strategic Plan

Overview of revision process and draft document in preparation for 11/9 discussion.

5:00 ADJOURN FOR DAY

November 9, 2006 - Thursday

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 Reconvene

8:30 - 10:00 (#11) ANSTF Strategic Plan 2007-2012

Scott Newsham, ANSTF Executive Secretary

Walk through the draft document section by section with a focus on Goals and Objectives.

10:00 - 10:30 BREAK

10:30 - 11:30 (#11) ANSTF Strategic Plan 2007-2012 (cont)

Walk through the draft document section by section with a focus on Goals and Objectives.

11:30 – 12:00 Review of Action Items / Discuss Next Meeting

The Great Lakes Panel has offered to host the spring meeting in conjunction with their meeting the week of May 21, 2007 at the Tom Ridge Center in Erie, PA

12:00 ADJOURN MEETING