

## Control Committee Roles & Responsibilities

(From minutes of 5/06 meeting of ANSTF)

As outlined in a memo on this subject included on the website, at its May 2005 meeting, the ANSTF discussed forming a Control Committee to provide oversight and guidance in the development of new station/regional ANS plans, monitor the implementation of established plans, and coordinate with the other ANSTF standing committees

The implementation working group for each plan would inform the Control Committee of research, monitoring, and public outreach needs, and these would be communicated to the ANSTF and respective committee for appropriate action. The Control Committee would also recommend a review and revision process for all ANSTF-approved plans so that they could evolve

At the request of the ANSTF, Jonathan McKnight (Maryland Department of Natural Resources) volunteered to serve as chair of the Control Committee and was present to hear the ANSTF's thoughts on the committee.

Discussion focused on the proposed committee's actual role or charter. Possibilities included monitoring implementation of the species-specific control and management plans (tracking conservation actions once a plan is approved by the ANSTF) and providing guidance for working groups charged with developing control and management plans (such as the nutria working group)

McKnight proposed that he communicate with the chairs of the five plans established to date to determine progress in converting implementation actions to conservation actions and then report back to the ANSTF at the next meeting with suggestions on the role the committee might play. With this information, the ANSTF will be better able to formally establish a Control Committee and guide its activities.