

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Detection and Monitoring Committee

Roles and Responsibilities

The Prevention and Monitoring Committee advises and supports the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 USC 4701 to 4741 as amended) on issues related to detection and monitoring of aquatic invasive species. The Committee also supports the ANS Task Force to implement the objectives and strategies in its Strategic Plan relating to detection and monitoring efforts.

The Committee will address the following tasks and responsibilities:

- 1) Develop standard protocols for aquatic monitoring efforts
- 2) Conduct an inventory of existing aquatic invasive species monitoring efforts and data management and help establish database standards
- 3) Develop long-term and annual priorities for aquatic invasive species monitoring
- 4) Make recommendations to the ANS Task Force on detection and monitoring priorities