

# **Roles and Responsibilities under the Joint Prevention Committee and its supporting Working Groups**

The role of the joint Prevention Committee and its three Working Groups is to advise and support the ANSTF and the NISC in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as amended, and Executive Order 13112 as it relates to minimizing the risks associated with future establishments and spread of invasive species.

## **Prevention Committee: Roles and Responsibilities**

- Oversees the activities of the Pathways, Aquatic Organism Screening and Risk Analysis Working Groups to implement the appropriate components of the ANSTF Strategic Plan and the NISC Management Plan.
- Coordinates the five prevention working group's activities and products with other working groups overseen by the ANSTF and NISC.
- Provides a communication and decision-making link between the prevention working committees and the ANSTF and NISC proper. In part, this will be carried out by:
  - 1.) At a minimum, meet prior to major ANSTF or ISAC meetings.
  - 2.) One or more Prevention Committee members will attend each of the working group meetings.
  - 3.) The chairperson of the Prevention Committee will present an update at each ANS Task Force and ISAC meeting.
- The chairperson of the Prevention Committee will work directly with the ANSTF and NISC to ensure that unexpected activities and developments occurring between major meetings are communicated and acted upon promptly.

## **Pathways Working Group: Roles and Responsibilities**

- Identification of high risk pathways that ANSTF and NISC should focus on (in addition to Ballast Water). Develop a logical, transparent process or processes, including criteria, to facilitate identification of these high risk pathways (MP-19). Will build upon existing and past committees that have previously addressed pathways and their ranking.
- Identify what actions may be taken based upon existing opportunities and constraints to mitigate or reduce the risk associated with each of the identified high risk pathways.

- Identify high priority invasive species that are likely to be introduced unintentionally (MP-17 in part)
- Ensure coordination efforts, via the Prevention Committee and directly with, the Risk Analysis and Aquatic Organisms Screening Working Group on pathway related risk issues.
- Ensure coordination efforts with the NISC/ANSTF via the Prevention Committee including the completion of an annual written summary report.

### **Aquatic Organisms Screening Working Group: Roles and Responsibilities**

- Develop a screening process or processes to address MP-15e.
- Ensure coordination efforts, via the Prevention Committee and directly with, the Risk Analysis, Pathways and other screening Working Groups on related issues.
- Ensure coordination efforts with the NISC/ANSTF via the Prevention Committee, including the completion of an annual written summary report.

### **Risk Analysis Working Group: Roles and Responsibilities**

- Facilitate the development and use of science-based risk assessments to determine the level of risk associated with intentional and unintentional introductions of potential invasive aquatic species.
- Review and update the 1996 *Generic Nonindigenous Aquatic Organisms Risk Analysis Review Process*. The new process should address new methodologies in risk assessment, provide additional guidance for the bridge between risk assessment and risk management, and expand its scope to include terrestrial as well as aquatic organisms.
- Provide technical assistance on the methodologies and processes proposed for specific NISC/ANSTF sanctioned risk assessments projects.
- Coordinate and review input from Regional Panels and ISAC concerning priority invasive species potentially requiring risk assessments.
- Coordinate, initiating, and oversee new risk assessments identified as high priority by the NISC/ANSTF.
- Maintain a library of existing risk assessments that 1) used the ANSTF risk process, or 2) has relevance because of the invasive species covered, and/or 3) has relevance because of the unique risk process or methodology used.

- Ensure coordination efforts, via the Prevention Committee and directly with, the Pathways and Screening Working Groups on risk analysis related issues.
- Ensure coordination efforts with the NISC/ANSTF via the Prevention Committee.

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