

**Final Agenda**  
**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting**  
October 28-29, 2008  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters  
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 200, Arlington, Virginia 22203

**October 28, 2008 – Tuesday**

- 7:30 – 8:00            Registration
- 8:00                    CONVENE
- 8:00 – 8:15        (#1)    Introductory Remarks / Housekeeping  
*Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA*  
*Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, USFWS*  
*Darren Benjamin, Acting ANSTF Executive Secretary, USFWS*
- 8:15 – 8:30        (#2)    Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items
- 8:30 – 9:45        (#3)    ANSTF Staffing and FY 2009 Budget  
*Darren Benjamin, Acting ANSTF Executive Secretary, USFWS*
- 9:45 – 10:00            BREAK - Refreshments in room 205**
- 10:00 – 12:00    (#4)    Regional Panel Recommendations  
*Regional Panels / ANSTF (Introduced by Gary Frazer)*  
Regional panels are requested to present high priorities, emerging issues and associated recommendations to the ANSTF.
- Great Lakes Regional Panel - *Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Great Lakes Commission*
  - Western Regional Panel - *Erin Williams, USFWS*
  - Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel - *James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*
  - Northeast Regional Panel - *Michelle Tremblay, Naturesource Communications*
  - Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel - *Doug Keller, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*
  - Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel - *Jonathan McKnight, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*
- 12:00 – 1:00            LUNCH (on your own)**
- 1:00 – 2:40        (#5)    Committee Chair Reports & Recommendations
- Introduction - *Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, & Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, USFWS*
  - Prevention Committee - *Richard Orr, NISC*
  - Control Committee - *Jonathan McKnight, MD*
  - Research Committee - *David Reid, NOAA (via teleconference)*

- Communication, Education & Outreach Committee - *Joe Starinchak, USFWS*

**2:40 – 3:00                   BREAK - Refreshments in room 205**

3:00 – 5:00       (#6)    An overview of the 2008-2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan (w/focus on AIS) and next steps.  
*Richard Orr, NISC Staff*

(#7)    ANSTF Strategic Planning  

- *Darren Benjamin, Acting ANSTF Executive Secretary, USFWS*
- *Joe Starinchak, USFWS*

5:00                   ADJOURN FOR DAY

**October 29, 2008 – Wednesday**

7:30 – 8:00           Registration

8:00                   RECONVENE

8:00 – 8:10           Introductory Remarks / Housekeeping  
*Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA*  
*Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, USFWS*

8:10 – 8:40       (#8)    Control and Management of European Green Crab on the Pacific Coast –  
*Stephen Phillips – AIS Program Manager, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission*

8:40-9:45       (#9)    State Management Plans  
 Introduction - ANSTF Co-chair  
 Discussion Lead - *Darren Benjamin, Acting ANSTF Executive Secretary, USFWS*

***Tennessee, Jay Troxel, USFWS Regional AIS Coordinator***

The ANSTF reviewed and provided preliminary comments on the draft Tennessee plan. The limited comments were incorporated and the final document submitted with a cover letter from Governor Phil Bredesen on April 15, 2008.

***THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE TN PLAN.***

***New Mexico, Brian Lang, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish***

The ANSTF reviewed and provided preliminary comments on the draft NM Plan in August, 2008. The limited comments were addressed in the plan. NM submitted the plan to both the ANSTF and Governor Bill Richardson. NM is seeking the ANSTF's 'conditional' approval pending final submission by the Governor. This would allow the plan to be funded in FY-09 as long as the document is revised to address any ANSTF concerns and a formal submittal letter is received from the Governor of New Mexico with the final plan.

***THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE NM***

*PLAN PENDING SUBMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.*

**Oklahoma, Jeff Boxrucker, OK Dept. Wildlife Conservation**

The ANSTF reviewed and provided preliminary comments on the draft Oklahoma plan in May, 2008. The limited comments were incorporated and the final document submitted with a cover letter from Governor Brad Henry on August 25, 2008.

*THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE OK PLAN.*

**Kentucky, Michael Mahala, University of Kentucky**

The ANSTF reviewed and provided preliminary comments on the draft Oklahoma plan in April, 2008. The limited comments were incorporated and the final document, signed by Governor Steve Beshear, was submitted for final approval on September 22, 2008.

*THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE KY PLAN.*

**South Dakota**

The South Dakota Plan has not been seen before by the ANSTF because it did not go through the voluntary ANSTF preliminary review process. However, it has been reviewed by FWS Regional AIS Coordinator Tina Proctor who gave the plan an extremely positive review. The plan was only recently received for final approval by SD Game, Fish and Parks and is still seeking the Governor's approval and signature. Consequently, South Dakota is seeking the ANSTF's 'conditional' approval pending final submission by the Governor. This would allow the plan to be funded in FY-09 as long as the document is revised to address any ANSTF concerns and a formal submittal letter is received from the Governor of South Dakota with the final plan.

*THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE THE SD PLAN PENDING SUBMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.*

**9:45 – 10:00**

**BREAK – Refreshments up one floor in room 314**

10:00 – 10:30 (#10)

Status of Federal Activities Regarding Ballast Water Management and Biofouling

*CDR Gary Croot, U.S. Coast Guard*

10:30- 11:00 (#11)

Status of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Vessel

*Deborah Nagle, Environmental Protection Agency*

11:00 – 12:00 (#12)

Response to Quagga Mussel in Western States

- *Sue Ellis, California Dept. of Fish and Game*
- *Brian Lang, New Mexico Fish and Game*
- *Larry Riley, Arizona Game and Fish*
- *Bob Pitman, USFWS*
- *Fred Nibling or Bob Quint, Bureau of Reclamation*

Federal and state perspectives on the response to introductions of quagga mussels

in the West. What is going well and where is there room for improvement with state responses? What is going well and where is there room for improvement with a federal response?

*THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED TO PROCEED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM SENATOR FEINSTEIN REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTION PLAN.*

**12:00 – 1:15**                    **LUNCH (on your own)**

1:15 – 2:15        (#13)    MRBP/GLP Recommendation  
Presentation on Model Risk Assessment-Risk Management Process for Nonnative Species  
*Michael Hoff, Regional ANS Coordinator, Great Lakes Region, USFWS*  
Discussion of Recommendation

*THE ANSTF WILL BE ASKED HOW IT WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PANELS.*

2:15 – 3:00        (#14)    Concerns Over the Spread of the Brown Tree Snake  
• *Jeff Herod, Pacific Islands Office, USFWS*  
• *Samantha Wisniewski, Texas A&M University*

**3:00 – 3:20**                    **BREAK – Refreshments back in room 205**

3:20 – 4:00        (#15)    Other Business  
Dry Hydrants (10-15mins)  
*Joe Starinchak, US FWS*

4:15 – 4:30        (#16)    Public Comment

4:30 – 4:55        (#17)    Action Item Summary  
*Darren Benjamin, Acting ANSTF Executive Secretary, USFWS*

4:55 – 5:00        (#18)    Determination of Next Meeting (Location and Tentative Dates)

**5:00**                            **ADJOURN MEETING**