

Prevention Committee Activities and Recommendations for the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting, Arlington, Virginia, October 28-29, 2008

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High-Priority and/or Emerging Issues:

- 1) Need to add additional ANSTF members on the Prevention Committee
- 2) Need to revisit the current working group structure and Roles and Responsibilities based on the new NISC management plan and ANSTF strategic plan charges.
- 3) Identify new chair for the Prevention Committee for 2009 (I retire February 2009).

Key Committee Activities from May 2008 to October 2008:

- 1) Prevention working group has completed their current assigned tasks and has been discontinued.
- 2) Cynthia Kolar has stepped forward as chair for the Risk Analysis Working Group.

Recommendations to the ANS Task Force (Any recommendations for ANSTF Action?)

- 1) Address the following questions: Should the joint Prevention Committee with NISC be continued? Or should they be separate stand alone entities each with their prevention committees? Should ITAP also be added as a joint partner?
- 2) Add additional ANSTF members to the Prevention Committee
- 3) Identify a new chair for the Prevention Committee and assign chair to the Aquatic Organisms Screening Working Group.

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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 an ANSTF or ISAC meeting at least once per year.
 - 2.) One or more Prevention Committee members will attend each of the working group meetings.
 - 3.) The chairperson of the Prevention Committee will present at least once a year to update the ANS Task Force and ISAC.

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.

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.