

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
Draft Agenda

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, FWS
Darren Benjamin, Acting Executive Secretary, ANSTF (FWS)
- 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, FWS
- 9:45 – 10:00 BREAK
- 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.
- 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, FWS*
 - Prevention Committee, *Richard Orr, NISC*
 - Control Committee, *Jonathan McKnight, MD*
 - Research Committee – *David Reid, NOAA* (via teleconference)
 - Communication, Education and Outreach Committee - *Joe Starinchak, FWS*
 - Detection & Monitoring Committee
- 2:40 – 3:00 BREAK
- 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 and Joe Starinchak, FWS

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, FWS

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
Tennessee, Jay Troxel, USFWS Regional AIS Coordinator
The ANSTF reviewed and commented 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 PLAN.

New Mexico, Brian Lang, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
The ANSTF reviewed and commented 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 PLAN PENDING SUBMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

Oklahoma, Jeff Boxrucker, OK Dept. Wildlife Conservation
The ANSTF reviewed and commented 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 PLAN.

Kentucky, Michael Mahala, University of Kentucky

The ANSTF reviewed and commented 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 PLAN.

South Dakota

The South Dakota plan is undergoing a review by the ANSTF members. The South Dakota plan was reviewed by FWS Regional AIS Coordinator Tina Proctor who gave the plan a positive review. SD is seeking the Governor's approval and signature. South Dakota hopes to receive ANSTF 'conditional' approval of this plan at this meeting. 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 PLAN PENDING SUBMISSION BY THE GOVERNOR.

9:45 – 10:00

BREAK

10:00 – 10:30

(#10)

Status of federal activities regarding ballast water management and biofouling:
Cdr. Gary Croot, USCG

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, EPA

11:00 – 12:00

(#12)

Response to Quagga Mussel in Western States

California DFG - Susan Ellis (tentative)

New Mexico F&G – Brian Lang

Arizona G&F – Larry Riley

Bob Pitman, FWS

BOR – Fred Nibling or Bob Quint,

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
Doug Keller, IN DNR
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, FWS
Samantha Wisniewski, Texas A&M University
- 3:00 – 3:20 BREAK
- 3:20 – 4:00 (#15) Other Business
Dry Hydrants (10-15mins)
Joe Starinchak, FWS
- 4:15 – 4:30 (#16) Public Comment
- 4:30 – 4:55 (#17) Action Item Summary
- 4:55 – 5:00 (#18) Determination of Next Meeting (Location and Tentative Dates)
- 5:00 ADJOURN MEETING