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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

May 19 – 21, 2009

Bozeman, MT

Call in Number -

Draft Agenda

May 19, 2009 - Tuesday

7:30 – 8:00 **Registration**

8:00- 8:10 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping**

Joe Maurier, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, USFWS (include welcoming newest members)

Pat Montanio, Director of Habitat Conservation, NOAA, serving on behalf of the acting ANSTF Co-chair for NOAA

Margaret (Peg) Brady, NOAA liaison to NISC and ANSTF

Susan Mangin, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force

8:10 – 8:20 (#1) **Introductions** (Members introduce themselves and explain their roles)

8:20 – 8:35 (#2) **Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

- **Regional Panel's Rapid Response Plans**, *Ann Garrett, NOAA*
- **Crosswalk of NISC/ANSTF Strategic Plans**, *Susan Mangin, USFWS*
- **Ballast Protocol for Vessel Groundings** *TBD*
- **Model Risk Assessment/Risk Management Process** (see #13)

8:35 – 9:15 (#3) **Informational: Montana ANS Program and Illegal Fish Introductions**

Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Chair, Western Regional Panel

Jim Vashro, Regional Fish Manager, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

9:15 – 9:45 (#4) **Informational: Summary of WRP Marine Issues**, *Karen McDowell, San Francisco Estuary Project*

9:45 – 10:05 (#5) **Informational: Success Stories of Panel Funded Projects**, *Erin Williams, USFWS*

10:05 – 10:20 (#6) **Informational: Trailered Boat Analysis from 100th Meridian Initiative**, *Dave Britton, USFWS*

10:20 – 10:40 **BREAK**

10:40 – 11:40 (#7) **Decisional: Quagga-Zebra Mussel Action Plan**, *Western Regional Panel, Eileen Ryce*

Next steps, Recommendations, Decision points?

11:40 – 12:00 (#8) **Informational: Uniform Minimum Protocols and Standards for Watercraft Intervention Programs in the Western U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, *Bill Zook, Contractor with PSMFC*

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH (on your own)**

1:00 – 1:30 (#9) **Informational: West Coast Governor's Action Plan: Spartina Eradication Proposal**, *Mark Sytsma, Portland State University*

1:30 – 3:00 (#10) **Decisional: Regional Panel and State ANS Plan Funding Discussion**
Panel Representatives and ANSTF Member

1:30 – 1:40 Overview of Regional Panel Funding Challenges (Panel member TBD)

1:40 – 1:50 Overview of State ANS Management Plan Funding Challenges (State representative TBD)

1:50 – 2:10 Discussion of funding opportunities

2:10 – 3:00 Prioritizing the opportunities, making recommendations, assigning actions and setting timelines, Gary Frazer, ANSTF Co-chair

3:00 – 3:45 **BREAK**

3:45 – 4:30 (#11) **Decisional: Regional Panel Updates** (15 minutes for each panel)

Need decisional point input from the Panels

4:30 – 5:00 (#12) **Decisional: National Center for Aquatic Invasive Species**, *Don Schmitz, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*

Left Don voice mail for decision point

Evening reception sponsored by the Center for Invasive Plant Management (time and date to be decided)

May 20, 2009 – Wednesday

Field Trip

Please wear suitable footwear for walking on rough terrain, no high-heels or flip-flops. Be prepared for bad weather, hopefully it will be dry and sunny but, it is Montana and it could quite easily snow in May.

8am: Depart Holiday Inn **by bus?**

9am: Cobblestone Fishing Access Site on the Madison River

- Demonstration of New Zealand mudsnail sampling

- Discussion of New Zealand mudsnail management in Montana

10am: Headwater State Park

- Presentation by park manager on Missouri River headwaters and history of the park

12pm: Lunch at Canyon Ferry Reservoir

- Presentation by management biologist on an illegal fish introduction and the issues involved with managing a recreational fishery in the presence of an invasive species
- Presentation by a Cutthroat Trout biologist on the restoration of native fish populations in the presence of non-native fish species

3pm: Return to Bozeman

May 21, 2009 – Thursday

7:30 – 8:00 **Registration**

8:00 – 8:05 **Introductory Remarks/Housekeeping** *Susan Mangin*

8:05 – 8:40 (#13) **Decisional: Planning for Future Task Force Meetings** *Gary Frazer, Pat Montanio*

Decision Points: Beginning 2010, schedule ANSTF meetings during January and June
Regional Panels decide which June meeting they would like to host
Next ANSTF meeting discuss implementation of ANSTF and NISC
Strategic Plans

8:40 – 9:00 (#14) **Decisional: ANSTF Decision on State and Interstate ANS Management Plans (Georgia, Alabama, Long Island Sound, Lake Tahoe)** (tentative)

Decision Point: Conditionally approve Plans. Need to check with States.

9:00 – 9:45 (#15) **Informational: Aquatic Organism Screening Workgroup Risk Assessment/Risk Management Model** *Mike Hoff, USFWS*

9:45 – 10:00 **BREAK**

10:00 – 10:45 (#16) **Decisional: Committee Updates** (*This includes 20 minutes for David Reid, NOAA, to discuss research protocol*)

Decision Point: Need to check with committees.

10:45 – 11:15 (#17) **Informational: Northern Snakehead Eradication Project** *Michael Armstrong, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission*

11:15 – noon (#18) **Decisional: Invasion Issues with Pay Fishing Lakes** *Doug Keller, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*

Decision Point: Would the ANSTF issue an RFP to allow full evaluation and risks associated with pay lakes? Not sure what this means monetarily? Need to better understand their recommendation before agreeing to this item.

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH on your own**

1:00 – 1:30 (#19) **Informational: Lake Trout Control** *(TBD)*

1:30 – 2:00 (#20) **Informational: Impacts of Nonindigenous Species on Salmon in the Northwest**, *Beth Sanderson, NOAA NW Fisheries Science Center*

2:00 – 2:30 (#21) **Informational: Upcoming Rulemaking Under Clean Boating Act of 2008**, *John Lishman, EPA*

2:30 – 3:00 (#22) **Informational: ANSTF Federal and Ex Officio Member Updates** (Give each member 5 minutes)

3:00 – 3:15 **BREAK**

3:15 – 4:15 **Informational: ANSTF Federal and Ex Officio Member Updates (con't)** (Give each member 5 minutes)

4:14 – 4:45 (#23) **Public Comment**

4:45 **Adjourn Meeting**