

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD
Room 4527
November 4-5, 2009

November 4, 2009 – Wednesday

- 7:30 – 8:00 **Security Check**
- 8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (Pat Montanio/Jeff Underwood/Peg Brady)
- 8:45 – 9:00 **(#1) Self Introductions** (name and agency)
- 9:00 – 10:00 **(#2) Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action Items from Bozeman meeting

- 1) Focus fall 2009 meeting on implementation of ANSTF Strategic Plan and NISC Management Plan (Susan Mangin, FWS – See session #3)
- 2) Status of Utah ANS Plan (Susan Mangin, FWS)
- 3) QZAP Actions (Susan Mangin, FWS)
- 4) Review funding recommendation for regional panels and state ANS plans (Susan Mangin, FWS – See session #5)
- 5) Work with Regional panels to schedule spring meetings on rotating basis (Susan Mangin, FWS)
- 6) Follow up with Federal agencies about including link to experts database (Susan Mangin, FWS)
- 7) Research protocol actions (Dave Reid, NOAA)
- 8) Asian Carp Actions (Susan Mangin, FWS – See session #13)
- 9) Review of rapid response plans (Jonathan McKnight, MD, DNR)
- 10) Ballast Water Protocol for emergency groundings (CDR Croot, USCG)
- 11) Transport of ANS on tugs and barges (CDR Croot, USCG)
- 12) Share MARP list of ANS of special interest with other panels (Jonathan McKnight)

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**

10:15 - 12:00 (#3) **Decisional: Top Priorities of ANSTF Strategic Plan Priority Objectives and their Relation to the NISC Management Plan** (See handout #1)
(Meeting Participants)

Decision Points: Recommend ANSTF Strategic Plan Priorities for FY10, FY11 and FY12

12:00 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 2:15 (#4) **Informational: Ballast Water Discussion** (Marcus Zobrist, EPA; Cmdr Gary Croot, USCG; and Mario Tamburri, University of Maryland)

2:15 – 3:00 (#5) **Decisional: Panel Funding Needs** (See handout #2) (5 minutes for each panel)

Decision Point – Recommend that the ANSTF explore means of funding Panel activities.

3:00 – 3:15 **BREAK**

3:15 – 3:45 (#6) **Decisional: Panel Updates**

(3:15 – 3:20) Mid-Atlantic Panel (*Jonathan McKnight, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*)

- 1) Increase consistent communication with regional panels.
- 2) Encourage and support focused and outcome-oriented communication among Regional Panels.
- 3) Revive communication with state invasive species councils or committees, jointly with Regional Panel membership, to obtain implementation status of ANS management plans.
- 4) Identify aquatic invasive species types, associated impacts to native aquatic species and habitat, and management obstacles that are germane to regions represented by the panels and cooperatively formulate strategies to address them.

(3:20 – 3:25) Northeast Panel (*Jan Smith, New England Interstate Water Pollution Council*)

- 1) Work with appropriate members of Congress to appropriate to the full authorization for State Management Plans.
- 2) Identify and secure other sources of funding to support regional panel's initiatives and other expenses including meetings and workshops.

(3:25 – 3:30) Mississippi River Basin Panel (*Jason Goeckler, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks*)

(3:30 – 3:35) Gulf and Atlantic States Regional Panel (James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission)

- 1) Continue working on securing more funding for state plans and panels so that they can start to be more proactive in their efforts to control aquatic invasive species.

(3:35 – 3:40) Great Lakes Panel (*Jim Grazio, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*)

(3:40 – 3:45) Western Regional Panel (*Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks*)

1) To be discussed during session # 11.

3:45 – 4:15 (#7) **Decisional: National Center for Biological Invasions** (Don Schmitz)

Decision Point – Recommend that the ANSTF look at the possibility of networking existing centers/institutions to establish a national center for biological invasions.

4:15 – 4:35 (#8) **Informational: National Invasive Species Awareness Week** (Kim Bogenschutz)

4:35 – 4:45 (#9) **Recognition for ANSTF Support**

4:45 – 5:00 (#10) **Public Comment**

(If any participants would like to meet for dinner, we will gather in the Courtyard Marriott hotel lobby at 6:15)

November 5, 2009 – Thursday

7:30 – 8:00 **Security Check**

8:00 – 8:15 **Registration**

8:15 – 8:30 **Introductory Remarks/Housekeeping**

8:30 – 10:00 (#11) **Decisional: Quagga-Zebra Mussel Action Plan for Western U.S. Waters** (See handout #3) (Eileen Ryce, Jeff Underwood)

Decision Points:

- 1) Recommend ANSTF adopt the plan
- 2) Recommend how the ANSTF proceed with plan implementation and coordination
- 3) Recommend actions that the ANSTF will implement

10:00 – 10:15 **BREAK**

10:15 – 10:45 (#12) **Decisional: Discussion of State/Interstate ANS Management Plans**
Lake Tahoe/Georgia/South Carolina/Minnesota

Decision Points: Recommend approving these plans

- 10:45 – 11:15 (#13) **Informational: Status of Asian Carp Management Plan and Triploid Grass Carp Inspection Certification Program (Mike Weimer)**
- 11:15 – 12:00 (#14) **Informational: Rapid Response**
Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response Action Plan for AIS (Meg Modley)
Rapid Response for Asian Carp (Bill Bolen)
- 12:00 – 1:15 **LUNCH**
- 1:15 – 1:45 (#15) **Informational: AIS Introductions through School Activities (Sam Chan)**
- 1:45 – 2:15 (#16) **Informational: Another New Pathway: Crane Test Water Weight Bags**
Crane Bags (Joe Divittorio, BOR and Angelo Cimini, VP of Imes Water Weights, Ed Arias, Imes Water Weights)
- 2:15 – 2:45 (#17) **Informational: Coordinated Interagency Giant Salvinia Control (Bob Pitman)**
- 2:45 – 3:00 (#18) **Committee Updates**
- 3:00 – 3:15 **BREAK**
- 3:15 – 4:30 (#19) **Member Updates**
- 4:30 – 4:45 (#20) **Public Comment**
- 4:45 – 5:00 (#21) **Meeting Summary**
- 5:00 **Adjourn**