

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 (NOAA/Jeff Underwood/Peg Brady)
- 8:45 – 9:00 Self Introductions (name and agency)
- 9:00 – 10:00 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 (Exe. Sec. be discussed later)
- 2) Status of Utah ANS Plan (Exe Sec.)
- 3) Write and send transmittal letter with draft QZAP to ANSTF for review (Exe. Sec.)
- 4) Contact David Reid for list of researchers to review QZAP (Exe. Sec.)
- 5) Review and submit comments on QZAP (Exe. Sec. and WRP)
- 6) Synthesize comments from respective reviewers of QZAP for July call to determine next steps. (Exe. Sec./Eileen Ryce)
- 7) Review funding recommendation for regional panels and state ANS plans (Exe Sec)
- 8) Work with Regional panels to schedule spring meetings on rotating basis (Exe. Sec)
- 9) Follow up with Federal agencies about including link to experts database (Exe. Sec.)
- 10) Send transmittal letter and draft research protocol to ANSTF members for 60 day review and comment. Consolidate and provide comments to Research Committee (Exe. Sec.)
- 11) Explore recommendation to establish implementation committee and funding plan for Asian carp (USFWS)

- 12) Explore recommendation to fund independent scientific review and evaluation of Triploid Grass Carp Inspection and Certification Program (USFWS)
- 13) Review of rapid response plans (Control Committee)
- 14) Ballast Water Protocol for Protected Areas (USCG and NPS)
- 15) Evaluated barge industry transport and BMPs for applesnail eggs (USCG)
- 16) Share MARP list of ANS of special interest with other panels (McKnight)

10:00 – 12:00 Top Priorities of ANSTF Strategic Plan Priority Objectives and their Relation to the NISC Management Plan

Background and purpose: The minutes of the October 2008 ANSTF meeting listed several new action items. One of the items tasked the Executive Secretary to “Step down the strategic plan by assessing the intersection of the NISC management and ANSTF strategic plans to identify initial priorities, tasks, leads, and funds.” This session will be dedicated to addressing this item.

Product: A list of top priority objectives for FY10, FY11 and FY12, which will be assigned specific tasks, leads, and funding needs.

The following format for the top priority objectives within the ANSTF Strategic Plan will be used:

- A. Brief objective title (such as, 2.1 survey and monitoring)
- B. Short explanation/reason for the recommendation (2-3 sentences long, which may include items, such as, being a cross cutting issue)
- C. Who is responsible for the carrying out the action, including a time table (Are we looking at the entire objective or just parts?)
- D. Resources necessary to carry out the recommendation.
- E. Organizational barriers to carrying out the recommendation.
- F. Monitoring and evaluation suggestions

Process for determining priority recommendations:

ANSTF members provide their three top-priority objectives in the ANSTF Strategic Plan for each of the following years: FY10, FY11, and FY12. During this session, the top ranked priorities for each FY will be discussed following A – F above and compared with the NISC Management Plan. Meeting participants will break out into three groups (one for each FY) to discuss and complete A – F mentioned previously.

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH

1:15 – 2:15 Presentations from Breakout Groups and Finalizing Tasks, Assignments and Funding Needs (follow format A – F)

2:15 – 3:00 Panel Needs Discussion

- 3:00 – 3:15 BREAK
- 3:15 – 3:45 Panel Updates
- 3:45 – 4:15 National Center for Biological Invasions (Don Schmitz)
- 4:15 – 4:45 Marine-related Presentation
- 4:45 – 5:00 Public Comment

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 QZAP

Product: To develop a list of who will take the lead on the highest priority action items listed in QZAP

Process: Members should come to the meeting with a list of actions they are willing to take the lead on. The list of actions will be discussed at the meeting and a final determination will be assigned

- 10:00 – 10:15 BREAK
- 10:15 – 10:45 Decision on State ANS Management Plans
Lake Tahoe/Georgia/South Carolina/Minnesota
- 10:45 – 11:15 Status of Asian Carp Management Plan and Triploid Grass Carp
Inspection Certification Program (Mike Weimer)
- 11:15 – 12:00 Rapid Response
Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response Action Plan for
AIS (Meg Modley)
Rapid Response for Asian Carp (Bill Bolan)
- 12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH
- 1:15 – 1:45 AIS Introductions through School Activities (Sam Chan)

1:45 – 2:15 New Pathways
Crane Bags (Joe Divittorio)

2:15 – 2:45 Giant Salvinia Plan (Bob Pitman)

2:45 – 3:00 Committee Updates

3:00 – 3:15 BREAK

3:15 – 4:30 Member Updates

4:30 – 4:45 Public Comment

4:45 – 5:00 Meeting Summary

5:00 Adjourn

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