

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF) Meeting

Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response Action Plan for Aquatic Invasive Species

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Briefing time requested: 35 minutes plus 10 for questions = 45 minutes

Is the briefing item decisional or informational?

The briefing item is informational

Is the briefing item time sensitive? If so, when does ANSTF action need to be taken?

The briefing time is not time sensitive. It can be presented at another meeting if the agenda is full.

If decisional, what are the specific decision points for the ANSTF to consider?

None, but might be a good idea to talk about rapid response management plans for all taxa for each state/management plan.

Does the subject matter relate to an objective(s) identified in the 2007-2012 ANS Strategic Plan? If so, explain.

Yes, the Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response Action Plan for Aquatic Invasive Species addresses Goal 1 and 2 in the ANSTF Strategic Plan to develop strategies to identify and reduce the risk of harmful aquatic species being introduced into U.S. waters and to minimize the harmful effects of ANS already introduced into the waters of the United States.

Specifically, the Plan addresses Objective 2.2 in the ANSTF Strategic Plan to facilitate the development of capacities to respond rapidly to invasions.

What is the ANSTF role(s) regarding the subject & decision points?

Synthesize lessons learned from previous attempts to respond rapidly to new ANS invasions and make it readily available (i.e. via ANSTF website);

- Make species specific control/management information available;
- Analyze and evaluate rapid response plans prepared for other events (oil spills, hurricanes, foreign animal diseases, etc.) to see how they could apply to reports of invasive species;
- Facilitate development of rapid response contingency plans;
- Encourage federal agencies to address key elements of regional contingency plans (infrastructure, resources and jurisdictional issues) in their program planning; and
- Encourage multi-party support for rapid response provisions in species specific national management and control plans.

(Excerpt directly from ANSTF Strategic Plan)

Has this topic been considered by an ANSTF subcommittee &/or ANSTF in the past?

The Lake Champlain Basin Program Rapid Response Plan has been presented to the NEANS Panel at their request. No other ANSTF subcommittee has received a presentation on this Plan.