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**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Field Trip and Meeting
Portland, ME
May 4 – 6, 2010**

Tuesday - May 4, 2010

1:00 - 4:00 Field Trip

(Invasive species site visits: Saltwater site - Portland Pier/Freshwater site - Sebago Lake)

Wednesday - May 5, 2010

7:30 - 8:00 Registration

8:00 - 8:15 Welcome from co-chairs /housekeeping (*Bryan Arroyo, FWS/Pat Montanio, NOAA, Michele Tremblay, Northeast Regional Panel*)

8:15 - 8:30 (#1) Self-introductions (name and agency)

8:30 - 9:00 (#2) Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items

Action items from the November 2009 meeting:

- 1) Follow up on results of the strategic planning exercise (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] and U.S. Geological Survey [USGS]). (*Anne Marie Eich, Sea Grant Fellow*)
- 2) (Executive Secretary) Look into ANSTF national guidelines for recreation and provide to the Great Lakes Panel, if available. (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 3) (Executive Secretary) Coordinate with Kim Bogenschutz (Iowa Department of Natural Resources) and Peg Brady on an ANSTF presence at National Invasive Species Awareness Week in January 2010. (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 4) (Western Regional Panel) Incorporate changes to the QZAP. (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 5) (Federal agencies) Hold a call to develop a cover letter for the QZAP. (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 6) (ANSTF) Form a subgroup to focus on quagga/zebra mussel coordination. More details coming. (To be discussed during session #11)

9:00 – 9:30 (#3) Informational: Role of Invasive Species in Shifting Benthic Community Composition in the Gulf of Maine (*Larry Harris, University of New Hampshire*)

9:30 - 10:00 (#4) **Informational: The Spread of the Invasive Tunicate *Didemnum vexillum* on the Georges Bank Fishing Ground off New England** (*Page Valentine, USGS*)

10:00 - 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 - 11:00 (#5) **Informational: On-line ANS ID Guide** (*Leslie Matthews, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation*)

11:00 - 11:30 (#6) **Informational: Spotlight on Species Canadian Risk Assessment** (*Becky Cudmore and Nicholas Mandrak, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada*)

11:30 - 11:45 (#7) **Informational: Update on the Risk Assessment Working Group** (*Cindy Kolar, USGS*)

11:45 - 1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 - 2:00 (#8) **Informational - Measuring the Effectiveness of Outreach Campaigns** (*Jason Goeckler, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and Joe Starinchak, FWS*)

2:00 - 2:30 (#9) **Update of the Management Assessment for Invasive Species** (*Sam Chan, Oregon State University*)

2:30 - 2:50 **BREAK**

2:50 - 3:20 (#10) **Decisional: Regional Panel Roles** (*Jonathan McKnight, MD Department of Natural Resources*)

Decision Point: (TBD)

3:20 - 4:20 (#11) **Decisional: Regional Panel Updates**

3:20 - 3:30 Gulf and Atlantic States Regional Panel (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)

3:30 - 3:40 Great Lakes Panel (*Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Great Lakes Commission*)

3:40 - 3:50 Mid-Atlantic Panel (*Jonathan McKnight, Maryland Department of Natural Resources*)

3:50 - 4:00 Northeast Panel (*Jan Smith, Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management*)

Recommendations:

- 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

4:00 - 4:10 Western Regional Panel (*Karen McDowell, San Francisco Estuary Project*)

Recommendations:

- 1) Plan adoption: The WRP thanks you for the final approval of the plan and that it will be thought of as a 'living document' that will be reviewed and updated as necessary.
- 2) Implementation and Coordination: We would also like to reiterate our interest in providing a WRP representative to the ANSTF Coordination and Implementation Team and that we request a plan implementation discussion at the each ANSTF meeting.

4:10 - 4:20 Mississippi River Basin Panel (*Jason Goeckler, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks*)

4:20 - 4:40 (#12) **Informational - QZAP Update** (*Susan Mangin, FWS/ANSTF Members*)
(4:20 - 4:30) Overview of funded projects
(4:30 - 4:40) Federal Implementation

4:40 - 5:00 (#13) **Public Comment**

5:00 **Adjourn**

5:30 - 7:00 **Reception** (Sponsored by the Northeast Panel)

Thursday - May 6, 2010

7:45 - 8:00 **Registration**

8:00 - 8:10 (#14) **Decisional: Expanding ANSTF Membership** (*Anne Marie Eich/Sea Grant Fellow*)

Decision Point: Should the ANSTF invite an academic entity to join the ANSTF as an ex officio member?

8:10 - 8:20 (#15) **Decisional: Boy and Girl Scouts of America/ANSTF Partnership Development** (*Anne Marie Eich, Sea Grant Fellow*)

Decision Point: Will the ANSTF support this partnership?

8:20 – 9:35 (#16) **Informational: Success of Citizen Scientist Efforts** (*Adrienne Pappal, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management; Linda Shaw, NMFS, and Roberta Hill, Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program's Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants*)

9:35 – 10:05 (#17) **Decisional: Re-energizing the ANSTF Committees** (*Susan Mangin, FWS and Committee Members*)

Decision Point – Recommend that the ANSTF review the composition of the Committees and restructure, if needed

10:05 – 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 – 11:00 (#18) **Decisional: National ANS Hotline** (*Dave Britton, FWS*)

Decision Point: Will the ANSTF support expanding the efforts of the Hotline?

11:00 - 12:00 (#19) **Informational: Asian Carp Update** (*Steve Shults, Illinois Department of Natural Resources/ Mike Hoff, FWS*)

12:00 - 1:30 **LUNCH**

1:30 - 2:00 (#20) **Informational: Rapid Response in Border Waters** (*tentatively Mark Burrows, IJC*)

2:00 – 2:30 (#21) **Informational: Commission for Environmental Cooperation Invasive Species Projects: Gulf of Maine and Rio Bravo/Laguna Madre, Mexico/U.S. Border** (*Tom Hammond, Commission for Environmental Cooperation*)

2:30 - 3:00 (#22) **Informational: Discussion of Recommendation from NISAW** (*Kim Bogenschutz, IA Dept. of Natural Resources and Peg Brady, NOAA*)

3:00 - 3:15 **BREAK**

3:15 – 4:40 (#23) **Informational: ANSTF Member Updates** (5 minutes each)

4:40 - 4:50 (#24) **Public Comment**

4:50 - 5:00 (#25) **Meeting Summary**

5:00 **Adjourn**

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