

**Draft 4-21-10**

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Field Trip and Meeting  
Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center by the Bay  
New Hampshire Room  
Portland, ME  
May 4 – 6, 2010**

**Tuesday - May 4, 2010**

**1:00 - 4:00 Field Trip**

Leave from Holiday Inn

(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 and Karen Hahnel, Maine Department of Environmental Protection*)

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*)

**Recommendation:**

As recommendations to the ANSTF, the Panel has recently submitted positions statements for federal ballast water regulation (January 2010) and renegotiation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (February 2010). In the near-term, the Panel expects to submit an additional position statement on reporting new AIS discoveries (as noted previously). The Panel anticipates that this position statement will be ready for submittal to the ANSTF in advance of the next meeting (spring 2010). All Panel recommendations to the ANSTF are archived on the Panel website at: <http://glc.org/ans/panel#recommendations>.

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

**Recommendations:**

- 1) Facilitate focused and results-oriented communication and coordination among the ANSTF Regional Panels.
- 2) Elevate vector management on the ANSTF agenda.
- 3) Identify AIS management obstacles (for example-lack of standard monitoring protocols) shared among the Regional Panels and cooperatively formulate strategies to address them.

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*)

**Recommendations:**

- 1) MRBP requested the ANSTF to work with its partners to ensure that the full amount of funding authorized for state management programs is appropriated. Included in this request was a recommendation that the ANSTF accept an aquatic portion of a comprehensive state invasive species management plan if that portion of the plan meets the designated criteria.
- 2) The ANSTF should request the USFWS move forward with immediate implementation of the national Asian Carp Plan. At the November 2007 ANSTF meeting, the USFWS said it would begin implementation of the Plan and host the first meeting of an implementation committee in February 2008. The MRBP recognizes that the USFWS Branch of Invasive Species has had staffing challenges this year; however, this important first step in implementing the Plan has not occurred to date. The MRBP fully supports the Plan and considers its implementation a high priority regional and national issue. Implementation needs requiring prompt attention include establishing a full-time coordinator position dedicated to implementation of the Plan, establishing an implementation committee, exploring options to secure and direct the stable, prioritization of the Plan's 131 recommendations, and long-term funding necessary to fully implement the Plan.

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 – 8:05 **Introductory Remarks/Housekeeping**

8:05 - 8:15 (#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?

8:15 - 8:25 (#15) **Decisional: Boy and Girl Scouts of America/ANSTF Partnership Development** (*Anne Marie Eich, Sea Grant Fellow*)

**Decision Point:** Will the ANSTF consider support this partnership?

8:25 – 9:40 (#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*)

9:40 – 10:10 (#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

10:10 – 10:30 **BREAK**

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

**Decision Point:** How will the ANSTF consider supporting 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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