

ANSTF Meeting Presentation Information

1) Name and affiliation of presenter: Samuel Chan, Asst. Professor - Watershed Health and Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, Sea Grant College Program, Oregon State University. Chair, Oregon Invasive Species Council

2) Background information about presentation Preliminary Findings from Oregon's Statewide Invasive Species Management Assessment.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council conducted a statewide management assessment of invasive species 2009. The assessment, a first for Oregon and possibly the first of its kind in the United States, provides a comprehensive look at how invasive species were managed in Oregon. The scope of the project included federal, state, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

The primary goals of the assessment were to provide a big picture framework for the numerous invasive species-related plans that exist in Oregon, establish management priorities, define roles and responsibilities, identify areas where legislation is needed and where there is overlap, improve understanding of the legal system that exists. In addition, the assessment analyzed opportunities for agency collaboration, agreements between agencies, the status of funding for invasive species, the types of invasive species that are managed, and databases used to track and share information about invasives.

Assessment results are providing a baseline snapshot on how Oregon is managing invasive species from a policy, funding, and legal framework standpoint

3) If the presentation supports a decision, what is the decision point to be considered by the ANSTF?

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

Yes, the comprehensive statewide assessment provides a snapshot on invasive species management, funding, policies, monitoring and evaluation in Oregon with relevance to the 5 goals of the ANSTF 2007-2012 Strategic Plan.

Goal 1: Develop strategies to identify and reduce the risk of harmful aquatic species being introduced into waters

Goal 2: Minimize the harmful effects of ANS already introduced

Goal 3: Facilitate research to address the threat and harmful effects of ANS

Goal 4: Increase public understanding of the importance of reducing the introduction, spread, and impact of ANS and recommend appropriate domestic and international actions

Goal 5: Maximize the organizational effectiveness of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

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

Informational and ideas for further applications of the survey and statewide assessment. Possibly adapting elements of the assessment framework for the ANSTF.