

Draft Agenda October 24, 2012

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
November 14 and 15, 2012
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Room 530
4401 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22203**

November 14, 2012 – Wednesday

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 8:35 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (*Mike Weimer, Chief, Division of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation/Peg Brady, NOAA Fisheries*)

8:35 – 8:40 **(#1) Self Introductions** (name and agency)

8:40 – 8:50 **(#2) Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action items from the Annapolis, MD, meeting

- 1) Disseminate GAO audit letter to ANSTF members (*Stephanie Carman, BLM/Susan Mangin, ANSTF*)
- 2) Explore opportunities for ANSTF and panels to assist with planning NISAW activities (Session #22)
- 3) Establish an ad-hoc committee to develop an operational plan supporting the ANSTF Strategic Plan (Session #13)
- 4) Resend draft recreational guidelines to ANSTF and panels for review (Session #12)
- 5) ANSTF co-chairs, NISC and Doug Austen meet to discuss opportunities to work with LCCs. Provide an update at the Fall ANSTF meeting. (*Susan Mangin, ANSTF*)
- 6) Develop a scoping committee to explore whether an invasive crayfish ad-hoc committee should be established (*Susan Mangin, ANSTF*)

Decisional: The ANSTF approves the establishment of an ad-hoc committee to explore whether a bait pathway management and control plan should be developed.

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

- 7) ANSTF agreed to re-establish the New Zealand Mud Snail Management and Control Committee to update the plan. (*Susan Mangin, ANSTF*)

8:50 – 9:05 **(#3) Discussion: Status of NAS Database** (*Sharon Gross, USGS*)

9:05 – 9:10 **(#4) Informational: Lake Meade Update** (*Susan Mangin, ANSTF*)

9:10 – 9:20 (#5) **Discussion: Addressing AIS Issues at Federally-managed Water Bodies**
(Susan Mangin, ANSTF)

9:20 – 9:35 (#6) **Informational: Canada’s New Aquatic Animal Importation Regulations**
(Christa L. Speekmann, APHIS /Joel Bader, FWS)

9:35 – 10:15 (#7) **Informational: Global Invasive Species Compendium** (Hilda Diaz-Soltero, USDA Office of the Secretary)

10:15 – 10:45 **BREAK**

10:45 – 10:55 (#8) **Decisional: Revised Ohio ANS Management Plan** (John Navarro, Ohio DNR)

Decision – The ANSTF approves the revised Ohio ANS Management Plan

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

10:55 – 11:15 (#9) **Discussion: Asian Carp Session** (Paul Angelone, CEQ)

11:15 – 11:25 (#10) **Informational: National Invasive Lionfish Prevention and Management Plan Update** (James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission)

11:25 – 11:35 (#11) **Decisional: Snakehead Management and Control Plan** (Laura Norcutt, FWS)

Decision: The ANSTF approves the National Snakehead Management and Control Plan

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

11:35 – 12:00 (#12) **Decisional: ANSTF Recreational, Water Garden and Classroom Guidelines** (Laura Norcutt, FWS)

Decision – The ANSTF approves the recreational guidelines

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

Decision – The ANSTF approves the water garden guidelines

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

Decision – The ANSTF approves the classroom guidelines

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

12:00 – 1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 – 1:45 (#13) **Decisional: ANSTF Strategic Plan Reporting** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

Decision – The ANSTF agrees to the reporting guidelines and timeframes

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

1:45 – 2:30 (#14) **Informational: Marine Debris Update** (*Peg Brady, NOAA/Jim Carlton, Williams College*)

2:30 – 2:55 **BREAK**

2:55 – 4:45 (#15) **Member Updates** (*All members/5 minutes each including FY 13 budget information*)

4:45 – 4:50 (#16) **Public Comment**

4:50 – 5:00 (#17) **Wrap up**

5:00 **Adjourn**

Thursday – November 15, 2012

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 9:00 (#18) **Discussion: Rapid Screening** (*Mike Hoff, FWS*)

9:00 – 10:00 (#19) **Informational: Ballast Water Issues including the Ballast Water Workshop and NPS Efforts in Lake Superior** (*John Darling, EPA/Alan Ellsworth, NPS*)

10:00 – 10:30 (#20) **Informational: Attorneys General Workshop Results** (*Paula Cotter, National Association of Attorneys General, Leah Elwell, Invasive Species Action Network*)

10:30 – 11:00 **BREAK**

11:00 – 11:20 (#21) **Informational: Zequanox Use for Controlling Zebra and Quagga Mussels** (*Jonathan Birdsong, BlueWater Strategies*)

11:20 – 11:35 (#22) **Informational: NISAW Update** (*Lori Williams, NISC/Laura Norcutt, FWS*)

11:35 – 11:50 (#23) **Informational: Research and Prevention Committee Updates** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA/Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

11:50 – 1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 – 1:25 (#24) **Discussion: SAH! MOU** (*Doug Grann, Wildlife Forever/Joe Starinchak, FWS*)

1:25 – 2:25 (#25) **Informational: Panel Updates** (10 minutes per panel)

1:25 – 1:35 **Mid-Atlantic Panel**

1:35 – 1:45 **Western Region Panel Great Lakes Panel**

1:45 – 1:55 **Gulf and South Atlantic Panel**

1:55 – 2:05 **Northeast Panel**

2:05 – 2:15 **Great Lakes Panel**

2:15 – 2:25 **Mississippi River Basin Panel**

2:25 – 3:10 (#24) **Panel Recommendations**

Western Regional Panel:

- 1) The ANSTF provide support to build capacity in marine debris management, specific to Alaska.
- 2) The ANSTF provide funding to support implementation components of QZAP.

Gulf and South Atlantic Panel:

That the ANSTF incorporate evaluation measures into the outreach efforts of the newly revised Recreational Guidelines, to be able to assess the impact they have on the public's behavior.

Mississippi River Basin Panel:

- 1) The MRBP recommends that the ANS Task Force explore methods to establish and institutionalize an ANS screening process that would evaluate species prior to importation.
- 2) Annual reporting of ANS Task Force activities is a high priority and is necessary to elevate issues and regional panel efforts. At a minimum, the ANSTF should resume annual Congressional reporting of ANS issues, including progress on implementation of national management plans and unmet needs.

- 3) The MRPB thanks the ANS Task Force members for their efforts to implement recommendations in the National Asian Carp Management Plan, specifically the FWS recent funding for the national analysis and review of Grass Carp regulations and use in the United States. The MRBP recommends that the ANS Task Force members continue to explore ways to implement components of the National Asian Carp Management Plan, beginning with the 40 highest priority recommendations as prioritized by the Regional Panels.

3:10 – 3:40 **BREAK**

3:40 – 4:00 (# 25) **Discussion: Incentives for Harvesting Invasive Species** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

4:00 – 4:15 (#26) **Informational: Water Hyacinth Update** (*Craig Martin, FWS*)

4:15 – 4:20 (#27) **Public Comment**

4:20 – 4:30 (#29) **Meeting Summary**

4:30 **Adjourn**