

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
November 6 and 7, 2013
NOAA Headquarters
Room 4527
1315 East West Highway, SSMC3
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

(NOTE: Please arrive 20 to 30 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin to allow time to pass through security.)

November 6, 2013 – Wednesday

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 8:35 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (*Peg Brady, NOAA Fisheries Strategic Planning Division Chief & Senior Policy Liaison to the NISC & ANSTF/ Jeff Underwood, Deputy Assistant Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation*)

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**
[2013 June Webinar ANSTF Meeting Summary](#)

Action items from the June webinar

- Lori Williams will organize a call later this summer to discuss the logistical challenges of NISAW and identify opportunities for moving forward. (Session #10)
- John Darling will provide additional contact info for Brian Rapoli in EPA (who is leading the invasive species component of the Clean Boating Act).
- Executive Secretary will send out a request for interested reviewers for the National Asian Carp Surveillance Plan soon. (Session #12)
- Erica Jensen requested time at upcoming November 2013 ANSTF meeting to present information on the results of the funding discussion from the Duluth meeting.
- Executive Secretary will convene a conference call regarding Regional Panel funding. (Session #18)
- Update will be provided on the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Program at the fall 2013 ANSTF meeting. (Session #22) www.protectyourwaters.net
- Executive Secretary will send out a call for HACCP training in the D.C. Metro Area for the Fall of 2013. If you are interested in HACCP training opportunities, contact Susan Pasko.
- Provide feedback, suggestions on how this conference/webinar went to Executive Secretary.

8:50 – 9:10 (#3) **Discussion: Addressing AIS Issues at Federally-managed Water Bodies**
(Lori Williams, NISC)

9:10 – 9:20 (#4) **Informational: Updates on Climate Change Report and Pathway Management Plan Guidance** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

9:20 – 10:20 (#5) **Decisional: Voluntary Approaches to Developing Semi-Green Boats** (*Gabe Jabbour, Tonka Bay Marina/Larry Meddock, Water Sports Industry Association/TBA, State representative*)

Decision - ANSTF members are willing to participate on a committee to develop recommendations for new designs, retrofits, and new builds and to provide guidance for voluntarily implementation of these.

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

10:20 – 10:40 **BREAK**

10:40 – 11:00 (#6) **Discussion: Status of Recreational and Water Garden Guidelines (including outreach possibilities)** (*Laura Norcutt and Ann Haas, FWS*)

Engaging boaters, anglers, SCUBA divers, water-skiers, jet ski users, bait-collectors, waterfowl hunters, seaplane pilots, and water gardeners in practices designed to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species is the best option for the environment and the economy. Experience shows that, once people are aware of the stewardship role they can play, they become invested. The challenge is outreach. Organizations closest to the issue help ensure the long-term well-being of wild places and the species that depend on them. Focusing on examples around the country, this talk looks ahead to an initiative to publicize people power and invite partners to share their successes as inspiration.

11:00 – 11:10 (#7) **Informational: National Invasive Lionfish Prevention Plan** (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)

11:10 – 11:35 (#8) **Informational: QZAP Update** (*Dave Britton, FWS/John Wullschleger, NPS/Elizabeth Brown, Colorado Parks and Wildlife*)
http://anstaskforce.gov/QZAP/QZAP_FINAL_Feb2010.pdf

11:35 – 11:55 (#9) **Informational: Biocontrol Programs**

11:30 – 11:40 USDA (*TBA*)

11:40 – 11:50 USACE (*Al Cofrancesco, USACE*)

11:55 – 12:05 (#10) **Informational: National Invasive Species Awareness Week Update** (*Lori Williams, NISC*)

12:05 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 3:15 (#11) **Informational: eDNA Session** (*Bill Bolen, EPA*)

3:15 – 3:35 **BREAK**

3:35 – 3:45 (#12) **Informational: Asian Carp - Status of the Asian Carp Surveillance Plan Outside of the Great Lakes/Funding and Implementation of Top 40 Prioritized National Asian Carp Plan Recommendations** (*Craig Martin, FWS/TBA*)

3:45 – 4:00 (#13) **Decisional: National Snakehead Management and Control Plan** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS*) **[Draft National Control and Management Plan for Members of the Snakehead Family \(Channidae\)](#)**

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

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

4:00 – 4:15 (#14) **Decisional: Classroom Guidelines** (*Sam Chan, Oregon Sea Grant*)

Decision – The ANSTF approves the Classroom Guidelines

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

4:15 – 4:25 (#15) **Decisional: Arkansas ANS Management Plan** (*Don MacLean, FWS*)

Decisional – The ANSTF approves the Arkansas ANS Management Plan

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

4:25 – 4:30 (#16) **Public Comment**

4:30 **ADJOURNE**

Thursday – November 7, 2013

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 9:00 (#17) **Informational: Technical Center for Aquatic Nuisance Species** (*David Wong, SUNY Oneonta*) <http://www.oneonta.edu/tcans/species.asp>

The Technical Center for Aquatic Nuisance Species (www.oneonta.edu/TCANS) is composed of a team of experts currently conducting research on different types of aquatic nuisance species (ANS). It offers sound science, innovative technology and knowledge in control and

management of ANS in lakes, reservoirs, rivers, marinas, and coastal areas. It is designed to provide technical services including ANS early detection, prevention, control, and ecosystem restoration. The ANS list includes pathogens, algae, vascular plants, zooplankton, invertebrates, fish, and bird. The center is situated in the State University of New York at Oneonta's Biological Field Station.

9:00 – 9:20 (#18) **Discussion: Regional Panel Funding** (TBA)

9:20 – 10:20 (#19) **Informational: Regional Panel Updates**

9:20 – 9:30 Mid-Atlantic Panel

9:30 – 9:40 Mississippi River Basin Panel

9:40 – 9:50 Western Regional Panel

9:50 – 10:00 Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel

10:00 – 10:10 Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel

10:10 – 10:20 Great Lakes Panel

10:20 -10:40 **BREAK**

10:40 – 11:10 (#20) Discussion: Regional Panel Recommendations
[National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan](#)

11:10 – 11:35 (#21) **Report from the Ballast Water Workshop** (John Darling, EPA)

11:35 – 12:00 (#22) **Informational: Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Update** (Doug Grann, Wildlife Forever/Doug Jensen, MN Sea Grant) <http://www.protectyourwaters.net>

Wildlife Forever (WF) signed an MOU with Director Dan Ashe a year ago to provide the operational lead of SAH! Funding became available in April 2013 for WF to modernize the brand, develop social media and renew the newsletter and website to build a strong and stable coalition. New tools developed for public outreach include: new *Protect Your Waters* (PYW) e-newsletter; Partners In Action – Monthly Feature; SAH! Facebook; PYW Website Upgrade and payment of past hosting; new Print Ads (Bobber, Hiker, Duck Hunter); Billboard Designs (Anglers, Boaters and/or Waterfowl Hunters); PSAs featuring eight 30 sec. spots; DVDs including the new *Silent Invaders* Television; release of the new *Invaders of the Great Lakes* pocket guide; plus Brochures, Signs, Banners and Bobber Pins, etc.

The *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!*TM partnership works. Together, Wildlife Forever, North American Media Group, Great Lakes Sea Grant Network, and local groups are successfully reaching recreational users at multiple levels and using a variety of strategies. Recently, two watershed campaigns, at large and small scales, shows that strategic communication and outreach featuring *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!*TM can not only raise awareness among water recreationists, but can change their behaviors aimed at preventing the spread of AIS. Assessments of these successful efforts along with results of post-event evaluations from direct programming will be presented.

12:00 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 1:30 **(#23) Discussion: FY13 Report to Congress and ANSTF Strategic Plan Reporting** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

<http://anstaskforce.gov/Documents/ANSTF%20Strategic%20Plan%202013-2017.pdf>

1:30 – 2:00 **(#24) Informational: Evaluating Harvest as a Tool** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA/Jason Goldberg, FWS*)

From lionfish to nutria, interest has grown in recent years in ways to encourage the public to harvest and use invasive species as a way to control invasive populations. If used properly, such harvest represents a significant opportunity to support ecosystem restoration and boost economic development and environmental awareness at the same time. However, if used incorrectly, serious repercussions leading to further spread can occur. We will present recommendations that natural resource managers can use to determine whether encouraging public consumption is advised for a species of interest, and explore some of the mechanisms that are available for doing so.

2:00 – 4:00 **(#25) Member Updates** (*ANSTF Members*)

4:00 – 4:05 **(#26) Plans for the Spring ANSTF Meeting**

4:05 – 4:10 **(#27) Public Comment**

4:10– 4:15 **(#28) Meeting Summary**

4:15 **Adjourn**