

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
May 7 and 8, 2014
Fish and Wildlife Service
Room 530
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Wednesday, May 7, 2014

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Registration**
- 9:30 – 9:40 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (*David Hoskins, Assistant Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation/Dr. Mark Schaefer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation & Management & NOAA Deputy Administrator or Peg Brady, Senior Policy Liaison to the NISC & ANSTF*)
- 9:40 – 9:45 **(#1) Self Introductions** (*name and agency*)
- 9:45 – 9:55 **(#2) Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action items from the November 2013 meeting:

- Executive Secretary will follow-up with Brian Goodwin (American Boat and Yacht Council) about establishing a committee to address recommendations for reducing the spread of AIS through boats. She will notify the ANSTF members of any opportunities to volunteer for this committee.
- Executive Secretary will email ANSTF members to remind all of the opportunity to volunteer for the Outreach Committee and NISAW Planning Committee.
- Executive Secretary will send ANSTF members the membership list for the Invasive Species Caucus. (Completed)
- Bill Bolen will provide an eDNA toolkit.
- Executive Secretary will contact panels for funding information followed up by a conference call.
- Presentations from the fracking industry will be sought for the Spring ANSTF meeting.
- FWS will work with Wildlife Forever to improve communications on Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! (SAH!)
- NOAA will follow-up with the WRP on a Pacific states tunicate workshop.
- Ballast Water Workshop Report will be disseminated to the ANSTF for review.

- The co-chairs will provide guidance to the ANSTF members and panels for their input for the Report to Congress.
- Provide Brian Goodwin with Colorado's inspection and decontamination manuals.

9:55 – 10:55 (#3) **Discussion: FY14 ANSTF Budget Overview** (*David Hoskins, FWS*)

10:55 – 11:10 **BREAK**

11:10 – 11:40 (#4) **Informational: QZAP Update** (*Dave Britton, FWS/John Wullschleger, NPS/Elizabeth Brown, Colorado Parks and Wildlife/Tom McMahon, Arizona Game & Fish*)

11:40 – 12:00 (#5) **Discussion: Inspection and Decontamination Model Legislation for States** (*Elizabeth Brown, CO Parks and Wildlife/Tom McMahon, Arizona Game & Fish*)

12:00 -1:15 **LUNCH**

1:15 – 1:30 (#6) **Informational: Addressing AIS Issues at Federally-managed Water Bodies** (*Lori Williams, NISC/Craig Martin, FWS*)

1:30 – 1:40 (#7) **Informational: Legislative Update** (*Craig Martin, FWS/Lori Williams, NISC*)

1:40 – 2:00 (#8) **Discussion: Status of Recreational, Water Garden and Classroom Guidelines and Outreach Committee Update** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS*)

2:00 – 2:10 (#9) **Informational: Research on Ballast Tank Filters** (*Elizabeth Brown, CO Parks and Wildlife*)

2:10 – 2:30 (#10) **Informational: Emergency Treatment of Marine Vessel Ballast Water** (*Phyllis Green, Isle Royale National Park Superintendent via Webinar*)

2:30 – 2:50 (#11) **Discussion: Wake boats as a novel source of AIS transfer: Potential for spread, possible solutions** (*Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant*)

2:50 – 3:05 **BREAK**

3:05 – 3:25 (#12) **Discussion: Boat Construction in Consideration of AIS** (*Brian Goodwin, ABYC*)

3:25 – 3:45 (#13) **Informational: Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Update** (*Pat Conzemius, Wildlife Forever via Webinar*)

3:45 – 3:55 (#14) **Decisional: ANSTF Involvement with National Invasive Species Awareness Week** (*Lori Williams, NISC*)

Decision - The ANSTF agrees to participate during NISAW.

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

3:55 – 4:15 (#15) **Informational: Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Study** (*Dave Wethington P.E., GLMRIS CAWS Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Chicago District*)

4:15 – 4:45 (#16) **Informational: Next steps in preventing Asian carp and AIS moving through the Chicago Area Waterway System** (*Bill Bolen, U.S. EPA and Erika Jensen, Great Lake Commission*)

4:45 – 4:50 (#17) **Informational: eDNA Information Clearinghouse Website** (*Bill Bolen, U.S. EPA/Kelly Baerwaldt, FWS via teleconference*)

Decision - The ANSTF agrees to develop an eDNA information clearinghouse on the ANSTF website.

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

4:50 – 4:55 **Public Comment**

4:55 **Adjourn**

Thursday – May 8, 2014

8:30 – 10:00 (#18) **Informational: Member Updates** (5 min. each)

10:00 – 10:15 (#19) **Decisional: Approval of Revisions to the Lake Tahoe AIS Management Plan** (*Dennis M. Zabaglo, Lake Tahoe AIS & Watercraft Programs Coordinator*)

Decision – The ANSTF approves the revised Tahoe ANS Management Plan

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

10:15 - 10:35 **BREAK**

10:35 – 10:55 (#20) **Informational: Implementation of Invasive Species efforts for National Arctic Strategy** (*Presenting: Phillip Andreozzi, NISC/Peg Brady, NOAA,*)

10:55 – 11:15 (#21) **Informational: Updates on Climate Change Report and Pathway Management Plan Guidance** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

11:15 – 11:30 (#22) **Informational: Hydraulic Fracturing for Gas Development as an AIS Pathway** (*H. Jason Harmon, PhD, West Virginia DEP via teleconference*)

11:30 - 11:45 (#23) **Discussion: Hydraulic Fracturing for Gas Development as an AIS Pathway**

11:45 – 11:50 (#24) **Informational: Tunicate Workshop** (*Peg Brady, NOAA*)

11:50 – 1:10 LUNCH

1:10 – 1:30 (#25) **Decisional: Snakehead Management and Control Plan** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS*)

Decision - The ANSTF approves the Snakehead Management and Control Plan.

Yes_____ No_____ Additional Action_____

1:30 – 1:40 (#26) **Informational: National Invasive Lionfish Prevention and Management Plan** (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)

1:40 – 2:00 (#27) **Discussion: NOAA Habitat Focus Areas** (*Dan Farrow, NOAA Fisheries*)

2:00 – 2:20 (#28) **Informational: Invasive Catfish in the Chesapeake Bay** (*Bruce Vogt, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chesapeake Bay Office*)

2:20 – 2:35 (#29) **Informational: Ballast Water Research** (*John Darling, EPA via teleconference*)

2:35 – 2:45 (#30) **Discussion: ANSTF Report to Congress** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

2:45 – 3:00 **BREAK**

3:00 – 4:00 (#31) **Informational: Panel Updates** (10 min each)

3:00 – 3:10 Great Lakes Panel
3:10 – 3:20 Northeast Panel
3:20 – 3:30 Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel
3:30 – 3:40 Western Regional Panel
3:40 – 3:50 Mississippi River Basin Panel
3:50 – 4:00 Mid-Atlantic Panel

4:00 – 4:30 (#32) **Decisional: Panel Recommendations**

Western Regional Panel recommendations:

- 1) Panel funding: Provide increased support to the panel(s).
- 2) QZAP support: Provide funding to support highest priority implementation components of QZAP.

- 3) Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers: Ensure Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! continues to receive funding and engage in evaluation of national brand consistency and efficacy.
- 4) Invasive tunicates: Solidify fiscal and in-kind support of a Pacific states tunicate workshop to identify management and research needs across the region.
- 5) Biocontrol research: Reinstate funding to support USDA and USACE biocontrol research on aquatic weeds.
- 6) Green Boats: Discuss the status of assembling an ANSTF committee with manufacturers and other interested parties to address boat manufacturing options related to AIS.
- 7) Find interested and capable members to fill vacant federal agencies positions: Several agency membership positions are currently vacant within the WRP. Assistance in determining appropriate contact persons or members is needed.

Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Recommendations:

- 1) The GSARP recommends that the ANSTF explore the possibility of listing all species of lionfish in the genera *Pterois*, *Parapterois*, and *Dendrochirus* as injurious under the Lacey Act.

4:30 – 4:35 (#33) **Public Comment**

4:35 – 4:45 (#34) **Meeting Summary** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS*)

4:45 **Adjourn**