

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
May 7 and 8, 2014
Fish and Wildlife Service
Room 530
4401 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22203

May 7, 2014 – Wednesday

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*)

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 Budget Overview** (*ANSTF Co-chairs*)

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 – 12:10 (#5) **Discussion: Inspection and Decontamination Model Legislation for States** (*Elizabeth Brown, CO Parks and Wildlife/Tom McMahon, Arizona Game & Fish*)

12:10 -1:10 **LUNCH**

1:10 – 1:25 (#6) **Discussion: Addressing AIS Issues at Federally-managed Water Bodies** (*Lori Williams, NISC/Craig Martin, FWS*)

1:25 – 1:35 (#7) **Informational: Legislative Update** (*Peg Brady, NOAA/Craig Martin, FWS*)

1:35 – 1:55 (#8) **Discussion: Status of Recreational, Water Garden and Classroom Guidelines and Outreach Committee Update** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS/Doug Jensen, MN Sea Grant*)

1:55 – 2:05 (#9) **Informational: Research on Ballast Tank Filters** (*Elizabeth Brown, CO Parks and Wildlife/Tom McMahon, Arizona Game & Fish*)

2:05 – 2:25 (#10) **Informational: Emergency Treatment of Marine Vessel Ballast Water** (*Phyllis Green, Isle Royale National Park Superintendent*)

2:25 – 2:45 (#11) **Discussion: Wake boats as a novel source of AIS transfer: Potential for spread, possible solutions** (*Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant*)

2:45 – 3:05 **BREAK**

3:05 – 3:25 (#12) **Discussion: Voluntary Approaches to Developing Semi-Green Boats** (*Brian Goodwin, ABYC*)

3:25 – 3:40 (#13) **Informational: Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Guidelines Update** (*TBD*)

3:40 – 3:50 (#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 _____

- 3:50 – 4:10 (#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*)
- 4:10 – 4:40 (#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*)
- 4:40 – 4:50 (#17) **Informational: Tunicate Workshop** (*Peg Brady, NOAA*)
- 4:50 – 4:55 **Public Comment**
- 4:55 **Adjourn**

Thursday – May 8, 2014

- 9:00 – 10:30 (#18) **Informational: Member Updates** (5 min. each)

10:30 - 10:15 **BREAK**

- 10:15 – 10:30 (#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 _____

- 10:30 – 10:50 (#20) **Informational: Implementation of Invasive Species efforts for National Arctic Strategy** (*Phillip Andreozzi, NISC/Peg Brady, NOAA,*)

- 10:50 – 11:10 (#21) **Informational: Updates on Climate Change Report and Pathway Management Plan Guidance** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

- 11:10 – 11:25 (#22) **Informational: Fracking as an AIS Pathway** (*H. Jason Harmon, PhD, West Virginia DEP*)

- 11:25 - 11:40 (#23) **Discussion: Fracking as an AIS Pathway**

- 11:40 – 12:00 (#24) **Discussion: ANSTF Report to Congress** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

12:00 – 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 – 1:50 (#26) **Decisional: National Invasive Lionfish Prevention Plan** (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)

Decision - The ANSTF approves the National Invasive Lionfish Prevention Plan.

Yes _____ No _____ Additional Action _____

1:50 – 2:10 (#27) **Discussion: NOAA Habitat Focus Areas** (*Dan Farrow, NOAA Fisheries*)

2:10 – 2:30 (#28) **Informational: Invasive Catfish in the Chesapeake Bay** (*Bruce Vogt, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chesapeake Bay Office*)

2:30 – 2:45 (#29) **Informational: Ballast Water Research** (*John Darling, EPA*)

3:05 – 3:20 **BREAK**

3:20 – 4:20 (#30) **Informational: Panel Updates** (10 min each)

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

4:20 – 4:50 (#31) **Decisional: Panel Recommendations**

4:50 – 4:55 (#32) **Public Comment**

4:55 – 5:00 (#33) **Meeting Summary** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS*)

5:00 **Adjourn**