

**Agenda Topic #6 – Grass carp in Western Lake Erie**

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Recent captures of fertile (diploid) grass carp and evidence of their reproduction in Western Lake Erie has elevated concern that this species could become established in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes states and the Province of Ontario are working together to assess the situation so that steps can be taken to prevent their establishment.

Preventing the introduction and spread of Grass Carp in the Great Lakes region continues to be a high priority for the GLP. In April, the GLP approved its Grass Carp Priorities for the Great Lakes document, which was subsequently submitted to the ANSTF for its May 2015 meeting. At that time, the ANSTF requested additional information from the GLP on agencies that might be involved in helping to advance specific priorities. At the recent October 2015 GLP meeting, GLP members met to discuss the status of Grass Carp in the basin, as well as review the status of GLP priorities and identify agencies that could take (or are taking) action on specific priorities. The GLP Chair and Coordinator will be reporting to the ANSTF at its November 2015 meeting on outcomes of these discussions. In addition, the GLP decided to establish and an ad-hoc committee to continue to work on advancing progress on Grass Carp priorities for the Great Lakes region.