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Memorandum for: ANS Task Force Members and Invited Observers
From: Scott A. Newsham, Executive Secretary
Subject: Control / Management Committee

Background:

1. Eight ANSTF approved control/management plans were developed over the past 8-10 years by individual species specific ANSTF working groups. These plans can be viewed at <http://anstaskforce.gov/control.php>. In theory, once a plan is approved, an implementation working group is formed and implementation begins. Since implementation typically follows appropriations, implementation of the plans has been unpredictable.
2. At its May 2005 meeting, the ANSTF expressed its desire to form a committee that would provide oversight and guidance in the development of new plans, monitor the implementation of the established plans, and coordinate with the other ANSTF standing committees (Research, Detection & Monitoring, Prevention, Education/Outreach). The individual plan implementation working groups would inform the Control Committee of research, monitoring, and public outreach needs, and these would be communicated to the ANSTF and respective ANSTF committee for appropriate action. The Control Committee could also recommend a review and revision process for all ANSTF approved plans so they can evolve.
3. Jonathan McKnight (Maryland Department of Natural Resources) has volunteered to Chair the committee. The existing species working group chairs could form the nucleus of the Control Committee. ANSTF committees are expected to meet once a year at a minimum, and to present an annual report to the ANSTF by November 1 each year.

Action Requested:

1. The ANSTF is asked to decide if it wants to create a Control Committee, and if so, establish the terms of reference for the committee.