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Memorandum for: ANS Task Force Members and Invited Observers
From: Scott A. Newsham, Executive Secretary
Subject: State/Interstate Management Plan Funding

BACKGROUND:

1. Since its inception in 1994 under the authority on National Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, the USFWS funded grant program that supports the implementation of state and interstate ANS management plans has lacked a consistent and straightforward allocation model. A recent result of this was a seemingly disproportionate amount of FY-04 and FY-05 funds going to support two plans at the expense of all others. As more management plans are developed and approved, it seems desirable to use a model in which all plans are treated equitably, with neither the ANS Task Force nor the Service making value judgments on the prioritization of state ANS activities.

2. In FY-06 the number of plans requesting funds increased year from 14 to 18, while the funding remained constant (\$1,075,000). Those plans reapplying for funds received significantly smaller grants than FY-05 when the typical grant was approximately \$70K. To give the grantees who received the disproportionate shares time to adjust to this new model, FY-06 will be a transition year and they will receive a higher level of funding than other plans for one more year.

3. In FY-06, all approved plans received \$57,600 with the exceptions of:

- (1) Ohio (only requested \$56,000);
- (2) Wisconsin (\$85,250 - recognizes the interests/needs of tribal areas); and
- (3) St Croix River (\$69,750 - an interstate plan with tribal interests and two states).

4. An explanation of how funds were allocated in FY-06 and a table of the FY-06 allocation with FY-05 allocations for comparison is attached. The Service has notified grantees that it is considering a one plan/one share allocation model for FY-07. It is anticipated that the number of plans eligible for FY-07 funding could be 21, while Service funding for this program will remain level.

ACTION REQUESTED:

As the enabling legislation allows the Director of USFWS to make grants "at the recommendation of the Task Force", members are asked to consider the above and attached information, and decide if they agree that future funding of state/interstate management plans should be done on a one plan/one share basis, or is another methodology preferred.

State Management Plan Allocation
 FY 2006
 (18 Management Plans)

Total Available	\$1,075,000
(Equal shares would be \$59,722)	
Fund Ohio State Plan (request less than equal shares)	<u>(\$ 56,000)</u>
Funds Remaining	<u>\$1,019,000</u>

If divided equally among 17 remaining plans, funding would be \$59,940 / plan

But, decision was made to fund Wisconsin & St Croix River at a level \$20K higher than other plans for FY 2006 only.

Fund 15 State & Interstate Plans @ \$57,600 each	<u>(\$ 864,000)</u>
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Funding for Wisconsin & St. Croix River Plans (\$57,600 + \$20,000) x 2 = \$155,000 (rounded)	\$ 155,000
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NOTE: Combined FY 2005 funds for Wisconsin & St. Croix River plans = \$231K

Wisconsin

FY 2005 Wisconsin plan received 55% of combined total (\$126K/\$231K)
 Wisconsin received 56%
 Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission received 44%

FY 2006 (55% of \$155K)	<u>\$ 85,250</u>
Wisconsin (56%)	\$47,740
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (44%)	\$37,510

St. Croix River

FY 2005 St Croix River plan received 45% of combined total (\$105K/\$231K)
 Minnesota received 66%
 Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission received 5%
 Wisconsin received 29%

FY 2006 (45% of \$155K)	<u>\$ 69,750</u>
Minnesota (66%)	\$46,035
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (5%)	\$ 3,490
Wisconsin (29%)	\$20,225

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Allocation of FY 2006 Funding
Implementation of State ANS Management Plans

FWS Region	Plan	Implementing Agency	2006 Request	2006 Allocation	2005 Allocation
Region 1	Hawaii State	Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources	\$95,000	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Oregon State	Portland State University	\$111,379	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Washington State	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$114,370	\$57,600	\$70,303
Region 3	Illinois State	Illinois Department of Natural Resources	\$361,802	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Indiana State	Indiana Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Iowa State	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	\$99,000	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Michigan State	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	\$116,633	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Ohio State	Ohio Division of Wildlife	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$0
	Wisconsin State	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	\$466,683	\$47,740	\$70,303
		Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission	\$55,755	\$37,510	\$55,755
	St. Croix River Interstate	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	\$90,000	\$46,035	\$70,304
		Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission	\$5,000	\$3,490	\$5,000
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources		\$30,000	\$20,225	\$30,000	
Region 5	New York State	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation	\$90,000	\$57,600	\$0
	Maine State	Maine Department of Environmental Protection	\$79,125	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Massachusetts State	Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management	\$87,500	\$57,600	\$70,303
	Lake Champlain Basin Interstate	Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation	\$95,000	\$57,600	\$70,304
Region 6	Kansas State	Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks	\$145,687	\$57,600	\$0
	Montana State	Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	\$192,150	\$57,600	\$70,304
	North Dakota State	North Dakota Game and Fish Department	\$115,900	\$57,600	\$0
Region 7	Alaska State	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	\$75,000	\$57,600	\$70,303
Total			\$2,631,984	\$1,075,000	\$1,075,000