

**Regional Panel Highlights of Activities and Recommendations
for the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
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Regional Panel Name: Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species
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Key AIS Activities from November 2009 through May 2010

- Co-sponsorship of the AIS Mid-Atlantic workshop, Vector Management: A Prevention Solution with MD Sea Grant in December 2009¹. A framework was developed for priority action in five areas:
 - Prevention: identify new invasions to facilitate early detection/rapid response
 - Prevention: introduction of species via high-risk intentional commercial importation and the bait industry
 - Prevention: address public-mediated movement of species
 - Coordination: increase power by combining stakeholder resources
 - Regulation: address gaps in knowledge and understanding of vector mechanisms to establish “best management practices”
- Establishment of MAPAIS Social Marketing Committee (SMaC) for development of an outreach campaign to target the bait industry and harmonize approaches to bait regulation across the Mid-Atlantic region
- Evaluation of proposals for the MAPAIS 2010 competitive grants program

Panel Recommendations to the ANSTF

- Facilitate focused and results-oriented communication and coordination among the ANSTF Regional Panels.
- Elevate vector management on the ANSTF agenda
- Identify AIS management obstacles (for example-lack of standard monitoring protocols) shared among the Regional Panels and cooperatively formulate strategies to address them.

¹ A Maryland Sea Grant Publication, currently in draft phase, will highlight workshop findings and detail the priority action framework. Target audience is MAPAIS, the regional Chesapeake Bay Program, and the national ANSTF.