

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

April 29 - 30, 2008

North Charleston, South Carolina

Agenda

April 29, 2008 – Tuesday

- 8:00 - 8:30 **Registration**
- 8:30 - 8:35 **Welcome from Co-Chairs**
Gary Frazer, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, FWS
Michelle Harmon for Tim Keeney, NOAA
- 8:35 - 8:45 (#1) **Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes**
- 8:45 – 9:45 (#2) **Introductions**
Round-robin introductions by new and existing members alike so that each understands each other's role and expectations of the ANSTF.
- 9:45 – 10:15 BREAK
- 10:15 - 12:15 (#3) **Regional Panel Priorities, Emerging Issues, and Recommendations**
Regional Panels / ANSTF (Introduced by Gary Frazer)
Regional panels are provided an opportunity to present high priorities, emerging issues and associated recommendations to the ANSTF.
- 12:15 - 1:30 LUNCH (on your own)
- 1:30 - 2:15 (#4) **Ballast Water Update** – Legislation and Rulemaking process
Bivan Patnaik, Regulatory Coordinator, U.S. Coast Guard
- 2:15 - 2:45 (#5) **Great Lakes Panel Ballast Water recommendation**
Discussion (GLP on phone)
- 2:45 - 3:15 BREAK
- 3:15 - 3:45 (#6) **Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) update**
Ken Seeley, USDA-APHIS
- 3:45 - 4:00 (#7) **Columbia Basin Rapid Response Plan update**
“Don't move a mussel” Video
Stephen Phillips, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- 4:00 – 4:45 (#8) **SHOW “Don't move a mussel” Video**
- 5:00 **ADJOURN FOR DAY**

April 30, 2008 – Wednesday

8:00 - 8:15 **Registration**

8:15 **Reconvene**

8:30 - 10:00 (#9) **Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Presentations**

Lionfish and other marine ornamental introductions of the Western Atlantic
James A. Morris, Jr., NOAA Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research
Lad Akins, REEF

10:00 - 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 - 12:00 (#9) **Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Presentations (cont.)**

The Invasive and Nonindigenous Fauna of Coastal South Carolina
David Knott, South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources (15min)

South Carolina Invasive Species Management Plan
Steve de Kozlowski, South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources (15min)

South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Program
Chris Page, South Carolina Dept. of Natural Resources (15min)

Texas Update
Howard Elder, Texas Parks and Wildlife (45min)

12:00 - 1:30 **LUNCH (on your own)**

1:30 - 2:00 (#9) **Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Presentations (cont.)**

Pathway Analysis of Southeast Region
Pam Fuller, U.S. Geological Service

2:00 – 2:30 (#10) **Committee Matters**

Committee reinvigoration status (Introduced by Darren Benjamin)
Reports from Chairs regarding membership rosters

Update on Committee and Status of the Research Protocol Review
David Reid, Research Committee (10-15 min)

2:30 - 3:00 (#11) **Response to Quagga Mussel in Western States**

Bob Pitman, R2 AIS Regional Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Larry Riley, Wildlife Management Division, Arizona Game and Fish Department
Federal and state perspectives on the response to introductions of quagga mussels in the lower Colorado River. What is going well and where is there room for improvement? Are all the necessary players engaged?

3:00 - 3:30 **BREAK**

3:30 – 4:00 (#12) **State Management Plans**

Idaho, California and Rhode Island plans were finalized since the Fall 2007 meeting and are available on the website.

Oklahoma Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan

The ANSTF will be sent the draft plan for review this week or next week and is asked to comment on the draft plan within 30 days so it can be finalized and sent to the Governor for signature.

Colorado Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan

The ANSTF will be sent the draft plan for review in the next few months.

4:00 – 4:15

Revisit Earlier Items

As needed.

4:15 – 4:45

Public Comment / Review of Action Items / Discuss Next Meeting*

* Date of next meeting still to be determined. Late October or early November is normal time frame. The dates of October 21-23 or Oct 28-30 are offered as possibilities. Meeting will be held again at FWS in Arlington, VA.

5:00

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