

ANSTF Meeting Presentation Information

- 1) **Name and affiliation of presenter:** Kim Bogenschutz, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, representing the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- 2) **Background information about presentation** (no more than 5 sentences): National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) 2010 was successful in gaining the interest of high levels of federal agency personnel, making connections among different taxa, bringing in new partners, and generating new approaches to promoting invasive species issues. Results of the conference include two papers (Invasive Species and the Green Economy, Invasive Species and Climate Change) that will be discussed at the June meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). If adopted by ISAC, the recommendations will become formal recommendations for action to Federal agencies and Congress. Many good ideas and improvements were suggested for a NISAW 2011 and/or a national coalition. It has been recommended that NISAW 2011 be segregated into two aspects that will require separate financing, planning committees, strategies, and programming: 1) information-sharing, awareness, and state/national policy to involve invasive species scientists, practitioners, and Federal agencies and 2) advocacy on the Hill (not involving Federal agencies).

- 3) **If the presentation supports a decision, what is the decision point to be considered by the ANSTF?** Informational only

- 4) **Does the subject matter relate to an objective(s) identified in the 2007-2012 ANS Strategic Plan? If so, explain.** No

- 5) **What is the ANSTF role(s) regarding the subject and decision points?** NISAW needs additional support to continue. The momentum, interest, and partners are there, but a coordinator or coordinating organization is lacking. No venue or dates been selected for NISAW 2011, and the NISAW Planning Committee is inactive. The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) has taken the lead to coordinate previous National Weed Awareness Weeks and NISAW 2010. The WSSA is not especially interested in taking the lead on building a national all-taxa coalition and is undecided about whether it wants to take the lead on another full NISAW.