

## ANSTF Meeting Presentation Information

**1) Name and affiliation of presenter:**

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**2) Background information about presentation**

A national ANS Hotline (1-877-STOP-ANS) has been in place for many years. The utility of this hotline has evolved over the years and it will be proposed that this become the standard ANS reporting hotline throughout the U.S. Before state agencies decide whether to adopt out national hotline as a principal resource, they require some degree of assurance of perpetuity. Current funding for the ANS Hotline comes from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Branch of Invasive Species office, for the toll-free telephone number, and the Southwest Regional Fisheries and Aquatic Resources office through a cooperative agreement with The University of Texas at Arlington.

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

The ANSTF is asked to endorse the ANS Hotline and formally request a sustainable mechanism of funding.

**4) Does the subject matter relate to an objective(s) identified in the 2007-2012 ANS Strategic Plan? If so, explain.**

Objective 1.3 of the ANS Strategic Plan calls for the Task Force to "Take steps to interdict specific pathways." Objective 2.1 calls for the Task Force to "facilitate survey and monitoring efforts to detect and control ANS." More specifically, Objective 2.1 aims to "increase public involvement in monitoring activities" and to "facilitate the development of a system to report sightings and collections of non-native species to an appropriate authority." Objective 2.3 calls for the Task Force to "facilitate the development of capacities to respond rapidly to invasions."

**5) What is the ANSTF role(s) regarding the subject and decision points?**

The ANSTF is asked to formally recommend a commitment for sustained funding of this hotline through existing or other funding sources so that assurance of continuation can be made to existing and new participants.