

Draft Agenda October 27, 2010

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
November 3 and 4, 2010
Holiday Inn – Arlington at Ballston
Arlington, VA 22203**

November 3, 2010 – Wednesday

7:30 – 8:00 **Registration**

8:00 – 8:10 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (*Jeff Underwood, FWS/Peg Brady, NOAA*)

8:10 – 8:20(#1) **Self Introductions** (name and agency)

8:20 – 8:40(#2) **Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action Items from the Portland, ME, meeting

- 1) Formalize ANSTF hotline (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 2) Link NEANS on-line ANS ID Guide to the ANSTF website and consider links to additional ANS guides (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 3) Post Oregon's Management Assessment for Invasive Species report on ANSTF website (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 4) Report on the Aquatic Invasive Species Vector Management Workshop at next ANSTF meeting (To be discussed in session #22)
- 5) Invite Congressional Affairs Specialist to next ANSTF meeting to discuss contact with Congressional representatives (To be discussed in session #13)
- 6) Provide roles and responsibilities of the Task Force, panels and committees at next ANSTF meeting (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 7) Follow up on CAISN model and its applicability for integrating academia into ANSTF objectives (*Anne Marie Eich/FWS*)
- 8) Develop options for implementing partnerships with youth organizations (*Anne Marie Eich, FWS*)
- 9) Contact federal members to request committee chairs and members and identify committee tasks (To be discussed in session #17)
- 10) Provide updated lists of Regional Panel and ANSTF contacts to Dave Britton (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 11) Update Experts Database (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)
- 12) Develop an ANS responders list (*Regional Panels*)

8:40 – 9:45 **Updates on Implementation of ANSTF-approved Plans**

8:40 – 9:00 (#3) **Informational: Mitten Crab Management and Control Plan** (*Ron Smith/FWS*)

- 9:00 – 9:30 (#4) **Decisional: QZAP** (*Steve Chilton, FWS/Susan Mangin, FWS*)
Recommendation: The ANSTF support exploring the potential for a quagga – zebra mussel coordinator position and will provide guidance.
- 9:30 – 9:35 (#5) **Informational: Snakehead Management** (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 9:35 – 9:45 (#6) **Informational: Asian Carp Management and Control Plan** (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)
- 9:45 – 10:15 (#7) **Informational: Asian Carp Eradication Update** (*Steve Shults, Illinois DNR*)
- 10:15 – 10:45 **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:00 (#8) **Informational: Vessel General Permits** (*Ryan Albert, EPA*)
- 11:00 - 11:30 (#9) **Informational: Summary of the International Symposium on Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Fish** (*Leah Sharpe, University of Minnesota*)
- 11:30 – 12:00 (#10) **Decisional: Regulation Challenges of Genetic Biocontrol** (*Stephanie Showalter, University of Mississippi*)
Recommendation: That the ANSTF members provide Stephanie with updated regulation information.
- 12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH**
- Tools for ANS Prevention, Management and Control**
- 1:30 – 2:10 (#11) **Informational: Wetlands Plant Database** (*Katherine Trott, Corps*)
- 2:10 – 2:55 (#12) **Informational: ISRAP** (*Dave Britton, FWS*)
- 2:55 – 3:15 (#13) **Informational: Congressional Update and Contact Information** (*Katie Umekubo, FWS*)
- 3:15 – 3:30 **BREAK**
- 3:30 – 4:10 (#14) **Decisional: ANSTF Strategic Plan** (*Anne Marie Eich, FWS/Susan Pasko, NOAA/ Jeff Morissette, USGS*)
Recommendations: The ANSTF agrees to:
(1) Explore development of an ANSTF database to track Plan accomplishments.
(2) Revise the ANSTF Strategic Plan
(3) Provide committee members to update the Plan

- 4:10 - 4:20 (#15) **Informational: Risk Assessment Working Group Update** (*Cindy Kolar, USGS*)
- 4:20 – 4:25 (#16) **Informational: Research Protocol Update** (*Susan Pasko, NOAA*)
- 4:25 – 4:50 (#17) **Decisional:** Committee Structure
Recommendation: Review Committee structure to meet current needs

4:50 – 5:00 (#18) **Public Comment**

5:00 **ADJOURN**

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6:00 – 8:00 Evening dinner meeting with the panels.
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Thursday – November 4, 2010

8:00 – 8:15 **Registration**

8:15 – 8:20 **Introductory Remarks/Housekeeping**

8:20 – 9:00 (#19) **Decisional: State Plan Approval** (*Don MacLean, FWS*)

(A) Wyoming plan presentation (15 minutes)

Recommendation: Approve the Wyoming plan

(B) Nebraska plan presentation (15 minutes)

Recommendation: Approve the Nebraska plan

(C) Alabama plan presentation (10 minutes)

Recommendation: Approve the Alabama Plan

9:00 – 9:15 (#20) **Decisional: Update Recreational Guidelines** (*Laura Norcutt/FWS*)

Recommendation:

(1) Update Recreational Guidelines

(2) Establish a committee to update the guidelines

9:15 – 11:00 (#21) **Panel Updates**

9:15 – 9:25 **Mississippi River Basin Panel** (*Steve Shults, Illinois DNR*)

Recommendations:

- (1) MRBP requested the ANSTF to work with its partners to ensure that the full amount of funding authorized for state management programs is appropriated. Included in this request was a recommendation that the ANSTF accept an aquatic portion of a comprehensive state invasive species management plan if that portion of the plan meets the designated criteria.

- (2) ANSTF members should work with the USFWS to fully implement the national Asian Carp Management Plan approved by the ANSTF in November 2007. The MRBP fully supports the Plan and considers its implementation a high priority issue for the Mississippi River Basin and nation as a whole, not just the Great Lakes region. Implementation needs requiring prompt attention include establishing an implementation committee, prioritization of the Plan's 131 recommendations, immediate funding to implement highest priority needs, and securing the long-term funding necessary to fully implement the Plan.
- (3) The ANSTF should encourage and develop a qualified rapid response team that can support states and others planning and implementing rapid response action for AIS. Response actions to control or eradicate invasive species are technical in nature and are occurring more frequently. A federally authorized and funded incident management team with specific expertise in invasive species would prove beneficial to states and others needing assistance in planning and implementing emergency response actions within a compressed timeframe. This recommendation expands upon previous requests for a dedicated federal rapid response fund.

9:25 – 9:35 **Mid-Atlantic Panel** (*Jonathan McKnight, MD DNR*)

Recommendation:

Create and support an ad-hoc committee to develop concrete recommendations leading to vector intercept and management strategy that will work on state and water-shed scales.

9:35 – 9:45 **Western Region Panel** (*Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks*)

Recommendations:

- 1) Explore options for a separate QZAP coordinator position.
- 2) The WRP should continue our work on the QZAP Coordination Team. The WRP thanks the ANSTF for developing the Team and appreciates the opportunity to participate.
- 3) Update the recreational guidelines and the WRP would like to participate in and incorporate Panel information in that update process. (wader and field gear/equipment disinfection guidance that will be drafted by Panel over next 6 months)
- 4) Develop a white paper about the pros/cons of creating commercial markets for the purpose of controlling non-native species in the wild. Panel recommends that the ANSTF explore national implications (develop white paper?) for commercial markets for controlling non-natives in the wild. The Panel has created workgroup to discuss and would be available to assist in those discussions.

9:45 – 9:55 **Northeast Panel** (*Jan Smith, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management*)

Recommendation:

The Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel is asking for the Task Force's assistance in expanding its US federal agency membership and participation. Currently, the Panel enjoys consistently the participation of Michael Goehle, US Fish and Wildlife Service

and Wayne Millington, National Park Service. In the past, the Panel has had active and productive participation from US Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and US Geological Survey. The Panel feels that it has fully explored all of its own contacts and resources to secure this valuable participation and perspective and now requests the Task Force's assistance.

9:55 – 10:25 **BREAK**

10:25 – 10:35 **Gulf and Atlantic States Panel** (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)

10:35 – 11:00 **Great Lakes Panel** (*Phil Moy, Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute*)
Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement/*Kathe Glassner-Schwayder, Great Lakes Commission*)

Recommendation: As recommendation to the ANSTF, the GLP has submitted the *Position Statement on Professional Responsibility for Reporting of Aquatic Invasive Species* (April 2010) and *Recommendations for the Renegotiation of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement* (October 2010).

11:00 – 11:30 (#22) **Informational: Report on the Aquatic Invasive Species Vector Management Workshop** (*Jonathan McKnight, MD DNR*)

11:30 – 1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 – 1:45 (#23) **Informational: Mexican Invasive Species Legislation and Policies** (*Roberto Mendoza, Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon*)

1:45 – 2:00 (#24) **Informational: Chesapeake Bay Executive Order** (*TBA*)

2:00 – 2:45 (#25) **Informational: ANSTF Member Updates**

2:45 – 3:00 **BREAK**

3:00 – 4:00 (#25) **Informational: ANSTF Member Updates** (continued)

4:00 – 4:10 (#26) **Public Comment**

4:10 – 4:30 (#27) **Meeting Summary**

4:30 **ADJOURN**