

Draft Agenda September 26, 2011

**Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting
November 2 and 3, 2011
Department of Commerce Building
Room 4830
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230**

November 2, 2011 – Wednesday

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 8:40 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** (*Larry Robinson, NOAA/Bryan Arroyo, FWS*)

8:40 – 8:50 **(#1) Self Introductions** (name and agency)

8:50 – 9:00 **(#2) Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action Items from the Little Rock, Arkansas, meeting

- 1) Establish an ad-hoc committee to update the ANSTF Strategic Plan (to be discussed in item #4)
- 2) Establish an ad-hoc committee to develop, implement, and evaluate a pilot annual awards program (to be discussed in item #5)
- 3) Provide comments on water garden BMPs (to be discussed in item #17)
- 4) Establish a lionfish ad-hoc committee (to be discussed in item #6)
- 5) Post ICS training information on the ANSTF website (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)

9:00 – 10:00 **(#3) Informational: Climate Change and Invasive Species** (*Britta Bierwagen, EPA/Aдриanna Muir, Department of State/Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

10:00 – 10:30 **(#4) Informational: ANSTF Strategic Plan Update** (*Peg Brady and Susan Pasko, NOAA*)

The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF) Strategic Plan (Plan) expires after 2012. The Plan serves as a blueprint and highlights five goals with corresponding objectives for fulfilling the ANSTF mission. Member agencies and ANS regional panels were asked to comment on the existing Plan and report on their progress for actions items within the Plan. At the May 2011 ANSTF meeting (Little Rock, Arkansas), an ad-hoc committee was established to update the Plan. This committee utilized the comments and reports received to track the progress and identify gaps in the current Plan. From this information, the committee was able to draft a revision for the next iteration of the Plan. This presentation will provide an

overview of the draft and allow for additional comments or information that should be considered as the committee moves forward with the ANSTF Strategic Plan for 2013 – 2017.

10:30 – 10:50 **BREAK**

10:50 – 11:05 (#5) **Decisional: ANSTF Award Program** (TBA/FWS)

Decision Point: Does the ANSTF approve the pilot award program?

The ANSTF formed an ad-hoc committee to develop, implement, and evaluate a pilot annual awards program. Based on the pilot evaluation, the ANSTF will then determine if it should be continued, modified, or discontinued. The committee developed a set of pre-defined award categories and associated criteria that consider past ANSTF awards and other invasive species award programs. These will be discussed at this meeting.

11:05 – 11:35 (#6) **Decisional: Lionfish Ad-hoc Committee Update** (James Ballard/GSMFC and GSARP)

Decision Point: Does the ANSTF support development of a lionfish management and control plan?

This presentation will cover the activities of the Invasive Lionfish Ad-hoc Committee since its formation at the spring 2011 ANSTF meeting. It will also include a summary of the Ad-hoc Committee's report "Findings on the Current State of Knowledge About Invasive Lionfish" that will be provided to the ANSTF members prior to the meeting for their review. This report covers the major components of this invasive species including its biology/life history, its distribution in this invaded range, and its impacts. It also covers an outline of what has been done in terms of management/control, research, and collaboration/partnership on invasive lionfish. Finally, this presentation will cover the Ad-hoc Committee's feelings on how the development of a National Control Plan for Invasive Lionfish will play into the future management/control of this species, and their recommendation to the ANSTF on how to proceed.

11:35 – 12:00 (#7) **Decisional: ANSTF Recreational Guidelines Update** (Laura Norcutt, FWS)

Decision Point: Does the ANSTF support a subcommittee to address the spread of AIS by teachers/students/educators/researchers?

In July 2011, the ANSTF established a committee of about 50 Federal and State agency, NGO's and industry representatives to update the ANSTF *Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of AIS through Recreational Activities*. Six subcommittees were established to draft revised sections of the *Guidelines*. The subcommittees include Motorized Boaters (includes jet skiers, water skiers, motorized sail boaters, parasailers, etc.), Non-motorized Boaters (includes kayakers, canoeists, tubers, rafters, paddle boarders, wake boarders, surfers, wind surfers etc.), Seaplane Operators, Scuba Divers and Scuba Dive Charters, Anglers (includes fly fishers, shore fishers, bait fishers, professional anglers, fishing charters etc.), and Waterfowl Hunters (includes pet and clothing

care). Aquarists/Water Gardeners were excluded since they have their own subcommittee. Teachers and Students/Education/Researchers were also excluded since they were not directly related to recreation. The committee would like the ANSTF to consider establishing a new ANSTF subcommittee to address the spread of aquatic invasive species by teachers and students/educators/researchers. The subcommittees are to submit their draft sections to the main committee for compilation and discussion at the ANSTF meeting November 2-3, in DC. We hope to have the updated guidelines approved by June 2012.

12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH**

1:30 – 1:45 (#8) **Informational: Lake Texoma – Doing the Right Thing** (*Dave Britton, FWS*)

1:45 – 2:00 (#9) **Informational: Marine Recreational Boat Pathway** (*Karen McDowell, San Francisco Estuary Partnership*)

The 34th America's Cup (AC34) will be held in San Francisco Bay in 2012 (preliminary races) and 2013 (the main event). This premier sailing event is expected to attract a large number of spectator boats (including super yachts) from inside and outside the country. The AC34 planning team has created an Invasive Species Task Force to develop guidelines for recreational vessels and a dissemination plan. This presentation will review the draft versions of these documents, and discuss how the guidelines can be expanded address the marine recreational boating vector in the US.

2:00 – 2:10 (#10) **Informational: Asian Carp Management Plan Update** (*Sam Finney, FWS*)

Recently, groups have been gathered by the Asian carp plan working group to discuss and rank the highest priority management actions in the plan. A standard method for ranking management recommendations, equitable by geographic area and stakeholder, was developed and is currently being implemented. Results are preliminary and incomplete at this time but certain themes of agreement are developing from discussions and will be highlighted.

2:10 – 2:40 (#11) **Informational: National Triploid Grass Carp Inspection and Certification Program** (*Vince Mudrak, FWS*)

2:40 – 3:00 (#12) **Informational: Lacey Act Update** (*Jason Goldberg, FWS*)

3:00 – 3:30 **BREAK**

3:30 – 3:50 (#13) **Informational: Asian Clam Eradication Efforts in Lake George** (*Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program and NEANS*)

3:50 - 4:05 (#14) **Informational: Mitten Crab Efforts** (*Ron Smith, FWS*)

4:05 – 4:20 (#15) **Informational: *Didemnum vexillum* Project in Alaska** (*Kim Holzer, FWS*)

4:20 – 4:35 (#16) **Informational: Ballast Water and Vessel General Permits Update**
(TBA)

4:35 -4:45 (#17) **Informational: Water Garden BMPs** (*Craig Martin, FWS*)

This informational update is a follow up to a decision item from the spring ANSTF meeting for the ANSTF members to review draft water garden best management practices.

4:45 – 4:55 (#18) **Informational: ANSTF Charter Renewal and National Invasive Species Awareness Week** (*Susan Mangin, FWS*)

The ANSTF charter is renewed every 2 years. The latest charter was signed in August 2011. The new charter includes numerous changes, which will be highlighted. National Invasive Species Awareness Week is scheduled from February 26 through March 3, 2012. An overview of ANSTF- related activities will be given.

4:55 – 5:00 **Public Comment**

5:00 **Adjourn**

Thursday – November 3, 2011

8:00 – 8:10 **Registration**

8:10 - 8:40 (#19) **Decisional: State Plan Overviews/Approval** (tentative for Arkansas, Arizona and Texas) (*Don MacLean, FWS*)

Decision Point: Does the ANSTF approve these state plans?

8:40 – 9:10 (#20) **Decisional: Commercial Harvesting of Invasives** (*Ron Brooks, KY Fish and Wildlife Resources*)

Decision Point: Does the ANSTF want to develop a recommendation for commercial harvesting of AIS?

9:10 – 9:30 (#21) **Decisional: Research Gaps Identified in National Academy of Sciences' Report** (*John Darling, EPA*)

Decision Point: The ANSTF Research Committee should develop an inter-Agency strategy to address research gaps identified in the NAS report on propagule pressure and invasion risk associated with ballast water.

EPA's Office of Water has come out in support of research, both within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and collaboratively with other federal Agencies, to 1)

improve understanding of the relationship between ballast water-associated propagule pressure and invasion risk, and 2) improve ballast water monitoring and ballast water treatment technologies. The aim of the proposal would be to develop an inter-Agency research strategy to address the first of these needs. ORD has already recognized this need and has incorporated language into its new Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program to provide a placeholder for future efforts. The proposed research strategy would build off of research gaps identified in the NAS report, and would presumably assess specific research needs, appropriate research capabilities across agencies (including EPA, NOAA, USCG, and others), possibilities for collaborative efforts, and options for funding these research efforts.

9:30 – 10:00 (#22) **Informational: Canadian Aquatic Species Network** (*Peg Brady, NOAA/Hugh MacIssak, University of Windsor*)

10:00 – 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 – 12:00 (#23) **Informational: Panel Updates** (15 minutes per panel)

10:30 – 10:45 **Great Lakes Panel**

10:45 – 11:00 **Mississippi River Basin Panel**

11:00 – 11:15 **Mid-Atlantic Panel**

11:15 – 11:30 **Western Region Panel**

11:30 – 11:45 **Northeast Panel**

11:45 – 12:00 **Gulf and South Atlantic Panel**

12:00 -1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 – 2:30 (#24) **Informational: ANSTF Member Updates** (5 minutes per member)

2:30 – 2:40 **Public Comment**

2:40 – 3:00 **Meeting Summary**

3:00 **Adjourn**