

Agenda Item #4 – ANSTF Accomplishment Tracking

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The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Strategic Plan for 2013 – 2017 calls for the development of an Operational Plan to depict short-term efforts to achieve the actions in the Strategic Plan and ensure the goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan are measurable and accountable. The Operational Plan is intended to be completed by the ANSTF members with support of the Regional Panels and committees. In May 2012, the ANSTF agreed to form an ad-hoc committee to develop the Operational Plan. This committee developed an Excel spreadsheet, the Activity Reporting Matrix, to capture the details of activities performed by the ANSTF including, the time frame, lead and supporting agencies or groups, and allocated funding. This information was intended to be updated and reported annually; however, several circumstances have delayed this effort and the Matrix has not been updated since November of 2012.

This effort ANSTF was recently resumed by the committee with calls held in June and October of 2015 to discuss mechanisms to refresh and gather data on ANS activities. A draft standardized form was developed to replace the Activity Reporting Matrix as attempt to streamline and lessen the amount of reporting required in the past. The Committee was asked to review the form and provide feedback on its utility. At this time we will review the comments received and allow time to discuss the next steps to develop a system to track ANSTF activities and our progress on the Strategic Plan.