

# Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting May 6-8, 2015

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### Tuesday, May 6, 2015

8:00 – 4:30 **Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Meeting** – *(Anyone is welcome to attend. RSVP to James Ballard, jballard@gsmfc.org)*

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### Wednesday, May 6, 2015

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 8:40 **Welcome from Co-chairs/Housekeeping** *(David Hoskins, Assistant Director, Fish and Aquatic Conservation/ Dr. Holly Bamford, Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation & Management for NOAA)*

8:40 – 8:45 (#1) **Self Introductions** *(name and agency)*

8:45 – 8:55 (#2) **Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes/Review of Previous Action Items**

Action items from the November 2014 meeting:

- Executive Secretary will work with FWS Wildlife and Sport Fisheries Resources (WSFR) to Link WSFR resources on the ANSTF website.
- The QZAP Committee requests extending the QZAP Plan to February 2020. Elizabeth Brown will share the Plan's 5 year Evaluation with the ANSTF and the ANSTF will review and consider it by May 2015.
- ANSTF will follow up with FWS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) on Marshall Meyers' proposal to develop more species specific codes for Law Enforcement Management Information System (LEMIS) as was done for Lionfish from the 2 marine and freshwater tropical fish categories.

- ANSTF members with the proper areas of expertise should consider attending the ABYC Summit on Boat Construction and recommend others that may be appropriate to attend.
- The ANSTF Outreach Committee is seeking ANSTF Members interested in participating on the Committee. Contact Doug Jensen or Elizabeth Brown.
- ANSTF will continue to work with the DOT Representative to resolve the issue of the SAH! Stop Sign brand on billboards. *(FWS Solicitor provided determination December 19, 2014 based on input from FHWA provided their determination and will be provided to the Outreach Committee for dissemination and use)*
- ANSTF members will contact Marshall Meyers if they are interested in helping revitalize the Habitattitude campaign.
- FWS will phase out the ANS Hotline in favor of reporting AIS sightings using the USGS NAS Alert System and other state reporting systems.
- NOAA will announce availability of the Lionfish Plan in the Federal Register for public comment. Current comments and any new comments from the Federal Register posting will be addressed by the May 2015 ANSTF Meeting. *(Posted in Federal Register December 12, 2014)*
- The FWS Maryland Fishery Resource Office will address Maryland DNR Snakehead Plan comments and FWS will post the notice in the Federal Register for public comment. Comments will be addressed by the May 2015 ANSTF Meeting. *(Posted in the Federal Register March 17, 2015)*
- Stas Burgiel will provide the briefing paper on fracking to the ANSTF *(The paper was provided to the ANSTF on November 19, 2014 by Laura Norcutt.)*
- The joint ANSTF Prevention Committee will determine the best way to approach working with industry to develop Fracking BMP's. The ANSTF will help engage the Fracking industry. (Marshall Meyers, MAP are interested in helping. Check to see if USCG is interested in helping ID experts).
- Phil Andreozzi requests ANSTF Members seek a lead for freshwater and marine committees on coordinating/unifying all of the current Arctic work groups.
- ANSTF Members interested in helping with NISAW should contact Phil Andreozzi.
- Report to Congress:
  - ANSTF members to provide gaps, comments, and available graphics to Susan Pasko by November 21.
  - ANSTF will investigate Report to Congress review process and provide information and schedule to Members.
  - Peg Brady offered to work with Congressional and communications folks to refine the report and develop outreach plan. AFWA and Erika Jensen are also interested in outreaching the Report.
- ANSTF Members are to provide success stories and lessons learned to Paula West of the Initiative Foundation by mid-December. Don Mac will send reminders to state plan contacts. Doug Jensen will help gather success stories.
- Regional Panels will provide a list of vacant positions to Laura Norcutt who circulate the list to the ANSTF to help fill the positions.
- Wildlife Services will provide a brief memo detailing existing Chesapeake Bay nutria funding and a case for restoring funding that was cut. *(Provided by Kevin Sullivan December 1, 2014.)* AD Hoskins will share memo with AD for Ecological Services and Chief of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

- ANSTF to consider NISA reauthorization language that would look at alternate funding sources such as Pitman Robertson as part of broader discussion on Reauthorization.
- ANSTF to send a joint letter to USGS expressing the need and support for the NAS Database, for sustaining the alert system, and reinstating and bolstering aquatic plants in the database.
- ANSTF will send a support letter to ELI for the Lionfish Control Workshop.
- FWS will strive to fill the Executive Secretary position in 2015.
- FWS will respond to MSRBP letter on black carp and snakehead markers; Midwest region of FWS is working with USACE to develop black Carp markers.

8:55 – 9:15 (#3) **Overview of South Florida and Everglades habitats and water management** (*John Lane, USACOE*)

9:15 – 9:35 (#4) **Everglades Invasives Action Plan** (*Shannon Estenoz, DOI*)

9:35 – 9:55 (#5) **Florida Exotic Fish** (*Kelly Gestring, FWC*)

9:55 – 10:10 **BREAK**

10:10 – 10:30 (#6) **Aquaculture in Florida** (*Jeff Hill, UF*)

10:30 – 10:50 (#7) **Pythons Management Efforts in Florida** (*Kristen Sommers, FWC*)

10:50 – 11:10 (#8) **Pythons Research** (*Kristen Hart, USGS*)

11:10 – 11:30 (#9) **Florida's Aquatic Invasive Plant Program** (*Jeffrey D. Schardt, FWC*)

11:30 – 11:45 (#10) **The Use of Dynamic Electric Field to Direct Bighead and Silver Carp Movements** (*Jackson Gross MSPH PhD, Smith-Root, Inc.*)

11:45 – 12:00 (#11) **USDA Animal Control Techniques** (*Mike Avery, USDA Gainesville*)

12:00 -1:30 **LUNCH**

1:30 – 5:00 **Field Trips**

- Exotic Fish (*Kelly Gestring, FWC/Jeff Hill, UF*)
- South Florida Melaluca Control (*Francoise LaRoche*)

5:00 **Adjourn**

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**Thursday – May 7, 2015**

8:00 – 8:20 (#12) **Discussion: FY15 ANSTF Budget Overview** (*David Hoskins, FWS*)

- 8:20 – 8:40 (#13) **Informational: QZAP Update** (Dave Britton, FWS/John Wullschleger, NPS/Tom McMahon, Arizona Game & Fish /Elizabeth Brown, Colorado Parks and Wildlife)
- 8:40 – 9:00 (#14) **Discussion: NISA reauthorization language**, (*Michele Tremblay, naturesource, Erika Jensen, GLC. James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)
- 9:00 – 9:20 (#15) **Discussion: Building Policy Consensus in the West: Update on Development of Model Law and Regulations** (*Stephanie Showalter Otts, National Sea Grant Law Center*)
- 9:20 – 9:40 (#16) **Informational: Addressing AIS Issues at Federally-managed Water Bodies** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC/Hilary Smith, NISC/Laura Norcutt, FWS*)
- 9:40 – 10:00 (#17) **Discussion: Fish Passage Need and AIS Threats** (*Susan Wells, FWS*)
- 10:00 – 10:20 **BREAK**
- 10:20 – 10:30 (#18) **Decisional: National Invasive Lionfish Prevention and Management Plan** (*James Ballard, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission*)  
Decision - The ANSTF approves the National Invasive Lionfish Prevention and Management Plan.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Action \_\_\_\_\_
- 10:30 – 10:40 (#19) **Decisional: National Snakehead Control and Management Plan** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS*)  
Decision - The ANSTF approves the National Snakehead Control and Management Plan.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Action \_\_\_\_\_
- 10:40 – 11:00 (#20) **Informational: NAS Database Species Update** (*Pam Fuller, USGS*)
- 11:00 – 11:10 (#21) **Informational: ANS Hotline Update** (Don Maclean, FWS)
- 11:10 – 11:30 (#22) **Informational: eDNA Clearinghouse**, (*Kelly Bearwaldt, FWS*)
- 11:30 – 11:55 (#32) **Informational: OIT Project and WebCrawler Tool** (*Erika Jensen, GLC*)
- 12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 2:30 (#24) **Informational: Panel Updates** (10 min. each)

1:30 – 1:40 Great Lakes Panel  
1:40 – 1:50 Northeast Panel  
1:50 – 2:00 Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel  
2:00 – 2:10 Western Regional Panel  
2:10 – 2:20 Mississippi River Basin Panel  
2:20 – 2:30 Mid-Atlantic Panel

2:30 – 3:30 (#25) **Decisional: Panel Recommendations**

**Great Lakes Panel:**

**Northeast Panel:**

**Western Regional Panel recommendations:**

**Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Recommendations:**

**Mississippi River Basin Panel Recommendations:**

**Mid-Atlantic Panel:**

3:30 – 3:45 **BREAK**

3:45 – 4:00 (#26) **Discussion: Update from the Aquatic Invasive Species Summit: Boat Design and Construction in the Consideration of AIS**, (*Brian Goodwin, American Boat & Yacht Council, ABYC*)

4:00 – 4:20 (#27) **Informational: Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Update** (*Craig Martin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*)

4:20 – 4:40 (#28) **Discussion: Plans for Revitalizing Habitat Attitude** (*Marshall Meyers, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council*)

4:40 – 5:00 (#29) **Informational: Communication Committee Update** (*Laura Norcutt, FWS/Elizabeth Brown, Colorado Parks and Wildlife/Doug Jensen, MN Sea grant*)

5:00 – 5:10 (#30) **Informational: ANSTF Involvement with National Invasive Species Awareness Week** (*Phillip Andreozzi, NISC*)

5:10 – 5:15 **Public Comment**

5:15 **Adjourn**

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Friday – May 8, 2015

- 8:00 – 10:00 (#31) **Informational: Member Updates** (5 min. each)
- 10:00 - 10:20 **BREAK** 10:20 – 10:40 (#32) **Informational: Detection and Management of Monoecious Hydrilla in the Erie Canal** (*Michael Greer, Corps of Engineers*)
- 10:40 – 10:50 (#33) **Informational: A National EDRR Framework and Emergency Response Funding Plan** (*Hilary Smith, NISC*)
- 10:50 – 11:00 (#34) **Informational: Report on "Bioinvasions in a Changing World: A Resource on Invasive Species-Climate Change Interactions for Conservation and Natural Resource Management"**, (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)
- 11:00 – 11:10 (#35) **Informational: Updates Pathway Management Plan Guidance**, (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)
- 11:10 – 11:20 (#36) **Informational: Update on Implementation of Invasive Species efforts under the National Strategy for the Arctic Region, and for the broader Pacific** (*Phillip Andreozzi, NISC*)
- 11:20 – 11:30 (#37) **Discussion: Hydraulic Fracturing for Gas Development as an AIS Pathway** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)
- 11:30 – 11:35 **Public Comment**
- 11:35 – 11:55 (#38) **Meeting Summary** (*Laura Norcutt/Don Maclean, FWS*)
- 11:55 Adjourn