

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

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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

8:00 – 4:30 **Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Meeting** – (*Anyone is welcome to attend. RSVP to James Ballard, jballard@gsmfc.org*), Agenda: http://www.gsarp.org/mtginfo/spring2015/Agenda_5-15.pdf

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/ Margaret M. (Peg) Brady, acting Co-Chair 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**

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) **An Overview of FWC's Efforts to Prevent, Assess and Manage Nonnative Freshwater Fish** (*Kelly Gestring, FWC*)

9:55 – 10:10 **BREAK**

10:10 – 10:30 (#6) **Non-native Species in Florida Aquaculture** (*Jeffrey E. Hill, Ph.D., UF*)

10:30 – 10:50 (#7) **Pythons Management Efforts in Florida** (*Kristen Sommers, FWC*)
10:50 – 11:10 (#8) **Pythons Research** (*Kristen Hart/Brian Smith, 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 (*Francois LaRoche*)

5:00 **Adjourn**

Thursday – May 7, 2015

8:00 – 8:30 (#12) **Discussion: ANSTF Update** (*David Hoskins, FWS*)
8:30 – 9:00 (#13) **Decisional: QZAP Update** (*Dave Britton, FWS/John Wullschleger, NPS/Tom McMahon, Arizona Game & Fish/Leah Elwell, Invasive Species Action Network*)
Decision - The ANSTF reaffirms the *Quagga-Zebra Mussel Action Plan for Western U.S. Waters* for another 5 years.
Yes_____ No_____ Additional Action_____
9:00 – 9:30 (#14) **Informational: National Asian Carp Management Update**, (*Kelly Baerwaldt, FWS/Sam Finney, FWS*)
9:30 – 9:50 (#15) **Discussion: Discussion: Building Policy Consensus in the West: Update on Development of Model Law and Regulations** (*Joanne Grady, FWS*)
9:50 – 10:10 (#16) **Informational: Addressing AIS Transport at Federally-managed Water Bodies** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC/Hilary Smith, DOI/Laura Norcutt, FWS*)
10:10 – 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 – 10:40 (#17) **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 – 10:50 (#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_____

11:10 – 11:30 (#19) **Informational: New Species Occurrences** (*Pam Fuller, USGS*)

11:30 – 11:50 (#20) **Informational: OIT Project and WebCrawler Tool** (*Erika Jensen, GLC*)

11:50 – 1:30 **LUNCH**

1:30 – 2:30 (#21) **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 (#22) **Decisional: Regional Panel Recommendations**

Great Lakes Panel recommendations:

- 1) The Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species recommends that the ANS Task Force and its member agency representatives work to advance the priorities and recommendations outlined in the *Grass Carp Priorities for the Great Lakes* document developed by the Great Lakes Panel.

Northeast Panel recommendations:

- 1) The Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel recommends that the Task Force identify and secure \$60,000 to restore this funding and begin discussions to identify and secure additional and dedicated sources of support so that the panels may continue to provide the high level and high quality services and products for which they were tasked by the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

Western Regional Panel recommendations:

- 1) *Funding*: Provide increased financial support to the panel(s) and continue to provide funding to support highest priority implementation components of QZAP.
- 2) *Re-authorization of NISA*: Support and explore ways to re-authorize the National Invasive Species Act.
- 3) *Federal lands working group document*: Encourage the completion and release of the Federal Lands Working group document which defines and identifies the role of federal agencies in managing invasives.
- 4) *ABYC Summit next steps*: Support dialog with both ABYC and National Marine Manufacturers Association in follow up and outreach to boating community.
- 5) *Marine Invasive Species Regional Management Plan next steps*: Provide professional technical support for the development of the plan.
- 6) *Protectyourwaters.net* website: Continue to take steps to complete the revision/update of the website in 2015.

Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Panel Recommendations:

Mississippi River Basin Panel Recommendations:

- 1) None at this time.

Mid-Atlantic Panel:

- 1) *Restoring the previous level of funding for the six regional panels would cost only \$60,000 nationally.*: The Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species recommends that the Task Force secure \$60,000 and restore this funding immediately, and initiate discussions to identify and secure additional dedicated sources of financial support for the regional panels, so that the panels may continue to provide the valuable services and products for which they were tasked by the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

3:30 – 3:50 **BREAK**

3:50 – 4:10 **(#23) Discussion: Update from the Aquatic Invasive Species Summit: Boat Design and Construction in the Consideration of AIS,** (*Brian Goodwin, American Boat & Yacht Council, ABYC*)

4:10 – 4:30 **(#24) Discussion: Plans for Revitalizing Habitattitude** (*Marshall Meyers, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council*)

4:30 – 4:50 **(#25) Informational: A National EDRR Framework and Emergency Response Funding Plan** (*Hilary Smith, DOI/Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

4:50 – 4:55 **Public Comment**

4:55 **Adjourn**

Friday – May 8, 2015

8:00 –10:00 (#26) **Informational: Member Updates** (5 min. each)

10:00 - 10:20 **BREAK**

10:20 –10:40 (#27) **Discussion: Hydraulic Fracturing for Gas Development as an AIS Pathway** (*Stas Burgiel, NISC*)

10:40 –11:00 (#28) **Informational: Detection and Management of Monoecious Hydrilla in the Erie Canal** (*Michael Greer, Corps of Engineers*)

11:00 – 11:05 **Public Comment**

11:05 – 11:25 (#29) **Meeting Summary** (*Laura Norcutt/Don Maclean, FWS*)

11:25 Adjourn

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