

List of Action Items from the November 2015 ANSTF Meeting (Silver Spring, MD)

Action Item	Notes / Status
ANSTF to invite GAO Staff to attend the Spring ANSTF meeting to discuss results of GAO report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Tama Weinberg (GAO) will be providing an overview of the Report on Thursday afternoon
ANSTF will move forward with creation of the ad-hoc Committee on Boating Industry Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Dennis Zabaglo and Joanne Grady are co-chairing this committee • An update on the committee will be provided on Friday
<p>To assist tracking efforts from ANSTF members and Regional Panels, the draft fillable form will be revised to focus on accomplishment information previously captured by the reporting matrix.</p> <p>Once finalized the ANSTF Activity Reporting Form will be distributed with a request to complete for FY15 and submit information to the ANSTF Executive Secretary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and Ongoing.... • The Activity Reporting Form was revised and distributed for comment. • The revised form and timeline for completion will be discussed following the GAO Report overview on Thursday.
Fish and Wildlife Service will work to implement the three grass carp recommendations as outlined in the recommendations from the Mississippi River Basin and Great Lakes Regional Panels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and Ongoing.... • * See Notes below
ANSTF Executive Secretary to invite a CRISPR expert to give a presentation to the ANSTF at the Spring meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Kevin Esvelt (MIT) will be presenting on CRISPR on Thursday afternoon
Fish and Wildlife Service will check back with Refuges and ES on the funding status of the Chesapeake Bay Nutria Eradication Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • ** See Notes below
National Invasive Species Council to provide detail to engage ANSTF Members with the Innovation Summit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and Ongoing.... • Tentative date is December 5, 2016 • NISC will provide updates on opportunities to participate as planning continues
Bureau of Land Management to share its new Aquatic Invasive Species Policy with the ANSTF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • BLM distributed its draft AIS policy section for BLM Manual Section 6720 - Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management to the ANSTF in November 2015
Federal Lands Committee to develop a proposed plan for moving forward on the Policy Options paper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Stas Burgiel (NISC) will be providing an overview of the Plan on Friday

<p>Research Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather information from ANSTF members in relation to the purpose, audience, scale, and information needed for an economic study as well as how other studies have been used. The committee will also explore potential collaboration from NISC. • To explore who would complete such a report and how it might be funded. • Report back to the ANSTF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and Ongoing.... • A new Economics committee was formed following the November meeting • A committee proposed a path forward to provide information on economic impacts • Michele Tremblay will be providing details on this recommendation on Friday
<p>NISA Reauthorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANSTF Co-chairs to seek internal guidance on the role the ANSTF can play in discussions on NISA Reauthorization. • Executive Secretary to share the document titled “NISA Reauthorization Discussion Policy Needs and Possible Provisions” with ANSTF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Federal members of the Task Force can develop legislative text for review and delivery to Congress through proper channels (such as through the annual Administration budget proposal or formal transmission from OCL or in response to a drafting assistance request from a Member or Committee). • The Federal members of the Task Force cannot engage with non-Federal members in developing or negotiating this legislative text. • Document was shared though the Regional Panel committee
<p>ANSTF Executive Secretary will communicate with our Canadian colleagues and remind them of their observer status and the ANSTF Meeting schedule.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete • Letters were sent to Canadian invited observers • Becky Cudmore (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) is attending at this meeting and will be presenting on Thursday

*** Action Item: Fish and Wildlife Service will work to implement the three grass carp recommendations (# 6-8) as outlined in the recommendations from the Mississippi River Basin and Great Lakes Regional Panels.**

(6) Modify the scope and Standards of the USFWS National Triploid Grass Carp inspection and Certification Program (NTGCICP), including direct participation of states and Grass Carp distributors.

Stakeholder meeting will be held in 2017, at which the modifications to the scope and Standards of the USFWS National Triploid Grass Carp will be discussed with states and Grass Carp distributors. Changes to standards are agreed upon at regular biannual Producer meeting, which will likely occur concurrently with the Stakeholder meeting.

(7) The USFWS should work with states, triploid Grass Carp producers, and other partners to develop defensible ploidy testing procedures for quality control and law enforcement purposes in support of state random inspection programs.

HQ has recently funded a project to develop ploidy techniques in R6 and in R3 and Fish Technology Centers are working on perfecting ploidy detection methods. These procedures will also be discussed at the Stakeholders meeting in 2017. However, FWS has been directed by the Office of the Solicitor not to engage in law enforcement entities in support of state random inspection programs. Therefore they will not be part of the future stakeholder meeting

(8) Develop and provide information about NTGCICP, Grass Carp regulations, and best management practices for natural resource managers, aquaculturists, and the general public. See the attached excerpt from the MICRA grass carp report for details and justification.

Following the 2017 Stakeholder meeting, FWS will work within its Branch of Communications and Partnerships to generate outreach materials for the public. Likely these materials will be electronic and posted to a webpage.

FWS has a website dedicated to Grass Carp (<http://www.fws.gov/warmsprings/FishHealth/fishbusters.html>) which explains the program and contains BMPs. This site is updated as Scope and Standards change, but it cannot address state issues. As an alternative, a request can be made to AWFA to list state carp regulations on their webpages.

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FY15 Enacted Funding- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Sub-Activity: 1121 (Habitat Conservation header in Budget)

1121 BASE Nutria Eradication - Blackwater, MD (GPA)	448,000
1121 BASE Nutria Eradication, MD (GPA)	633,000
TOTAL:	\$1,081,000

FY16 Enacted Funding- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Sub-Activity: 1121 (Habitat Conservation header in Budget)

1121 BASE Nutria Eradication - Blackwater, MD (GPA)	432,711
1121 BASE Nutria Eradication, MD (GPA)	611,398
TOTAL:	\$1,044,109

This money is BAS transferred to Region 5 with the original allocation out to the Regional Ecological Services Office which houses the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.