

# Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle

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## ***Final Draft Agenda***

***(As of 05/07/07)***

### **May 9, 2007 - Wednesday**

8:00 – 8:30     Registration

(#8)     ANS State Management Planning: Great Lakes Regional Perspectives

*This session will be moderated by the Great Lakes Commission based outcomes associated with the project, **A Collaborative Approach to Advance Implementation of State Management Plans for Prevention and Control of Aquatic Nuisance Species in the Great Lakes Region**, as funded by the National Sea Grant College Program.*

*This session will provide the opportunity to learn about ANS state management plan (SMP) activities based on state-specific workshops conducted in 6 of the Great Lakes states. The state presentations will focus on SMP priorities, implementation strategies and funding opportunities in efforts to advance collaboration on ANS state management planning in the Great Lakes region. The plenary session will provide the basis for discussion to develop recommendations on ANS state management planning for consideration by the ANSTF.*

8:30 – 8:45     Welcome, Introduction, Agenda Overview

8:45 – 9:10     Regional Perspectives

*Kathe Glasner-Shwayder, Great Lakes Commission*

*Erika Jensen, Great Lakes Commission Sea Grant Fellow*

9:10 – 10:15     State Presentations

***Progress in Wisconsin on the State Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan***  
*(Phil Moy, Wisconsin Sea Grant)*

***Progress Toward a Comprehensive Invasive Species State Management Plan for Minnesota***  
*(Doug Jensen, University of Minnesota Sea Grant)*

***Pennsylvania Aquatic Invasive Species State Management Plan in the Context of a State Invasive Species Council***  
*(Jim Grazio, Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection)*

10:15 – 10:40     BREAK

- 10:40 – 11:45 State Presentations (continued)
- Invasive Species Regulation in Michigan: Stakeholders Workshop***  
(Carol Swinehart, Michigan Sea Grant)
- Indiana Digs into the Aquatic Plant Trade***  
(Doug Keller, Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources  
Kristin TePas, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant)
- Development of Ohio's Rapid Response Plan for ANS***  
(John Navarro, ODNR Division of Wildlife  
Eugene Braig, Ohio Sea Grant College Program)
- 11:45 – 12:15 Common Themes from Great Lakes SMP Workshops in Building a Framework for Regional ANS Management
- Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Great Lakes Commission*
- Erika Jensen, Great Lakes Commission Sea Grant Fellow*
- 12:15 – 1:15 LUNCH (on your own – boxed lunch available for purchase in advance)
- 1:15 – 1:30 Afternoon agenda review
- 1:30 – 2:30 Breakout Sessions
- (see Enclosure (1) for focusing questions)
- 2:30 – 3:15 Report to Plenary
- 3:15 – 3:30 BREAK
- 3:30 – 4:15 Breakout Sessions (cont.)
- 4:15 – 4:45 Summary / Recommendations to ANSTF
- 4:45 – 5:00 Next Steps / Wrap Up
- 5:00 ADJOURN FOR DAY

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## *ANS State Management Planning: Great Lakes Regional Perspectives Discussion Questions*

### Break-out Session I: State ANS Management Planning

1. Identify the strategies/approaches (e.g. planning tools, stakeholder involvement, management practices) used by the Great Lakes states contributing to successful development and/or implementation of SMPs.
  - a. How can these strategies be communicated to other jurisdictions working on ANS management planning?
  - b. What can we learn from each other across jurisdictional lines (state, provincial, federal) regarding this SMP process?
2. Identify challenges in SMP development and implementation and strategize ways to address these challenges. *Please extend this discussion beyond 'insufficient funding.'*
3. If your state has received federal funding to implement an ANS SMP, how was the money put to use?
  - a. Which funded activities were of the greatest value in terms of accomplishing SMP goals/objectives?
  - b. If more resources were available, how could they best be utilized?
  - c. What guidelines can we recommend in terms of SMP funding allocation on a state and federal level?
4. The ANSTF has asked for perspectives on:
  - a. Are the current state management plan development and implementation guidelines useful? Outdated? Too prescriptive? (for pertinent documents, refer to ANSTF website: <http://www.anstaskforce.gov/stateplans.php>)
  - b. How should state management plans be apportioned? Equal shares for each plan? A larger share for new plans? Funded only for a set period of time?

### Break-out Session II: Regional ANS Management

1. Based on the successes and challenges identified in the previous session, would it be beneficial and/or feasible to coordinate ANS management plans on a regional basis to address any broad-scale issues? Examples of broad scale issues include early detection/monitoring, rapid response, communication, funding, among others.
2. How can the ANS Task Force and Federal agency capabilities assist in the development or implementation of ANS management plans at the state and regional level? (e.g., communication, research, permitting issues, screening process)
3. How can the Regional ANS Panels work together with each other and the ANS Task Force to more effectively advance the SMP process?