

Great Lakes Panel Update

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Panel Election Results: Panel Officers

- ◆ **Chair: Mike Conlin: Chief Division of Fisheries, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.**
- ◆ **Vice Chair (chair-elect): Jim Grazio, Great Lakes Biologist, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection**
- ◆ **Committee Chairs**
 - ✓ **Information/Education: Rochelle Sturtevant, NOAA, Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab, Sea Grant Extension**
 - ✓ **Research Coordination: Phil Moy, Fisheries Specialist Wisconsin Sea Grant (re-nominated as committee chair)**
 - ✓ **Policy Coordination, Jennifer Nalbone, Habitat and Biodiversity Coordinator, Great Lakes United**

Panel Election Results: At-Large Member

- ◆ Allegra Cangelosi, Senior Policy Analyst, Northeast Midwest Institute
- ◆ Ted Batterson, Director, North Central Regional Aquaculture Center, Michigan State University, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
- ◆ Doris Bautch, Director, Great Lakes Region, Maritime Administration, (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation
- ◆ John Anderson, Great Lakes Director, The Nature Conservancy
- ◆ Francine MacDonald, Invasive Species/Aquatics Biologist, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
- ◆ Mike Murray, Staff Scientist, National Wildlife Federation

Report on Action Items
Great Lakes Panel Meeting
November 16-17, 2005

◆ **ACTION ITEM: ANS Task Force Annual Report to Congress**

Scott Newsham, ANSTF Executive Secretary requested input on formatting and content for the ANS Task Force Annual Report to Congress. The report, driven by the primary goal to raise AIS issues as a priority to Congress, will highlight achievements of the ANSTF, its committees and the regional ANS panels

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: ANS Task Force Annual Report to Congress**

Newsham has recommended the following format for the regional ANS panel portion of the report.

- ✓ Summary of program focus areas and key strategies, to include committee reports
- ✓ Major accomplishments, decisions and other developments from the Panel perspective
- ✓ Recommendations submitted to the ANS Task Force
- ✓ Program expenditures
- ✓ Programmatic needs for the upcoming year

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: NOAA RFP**

Dorn Carlson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), requested input on Great Lakes regional priorities for AIS research and outreach grants for the FY 2007 NOAA Sea Grant RFP. A similar request was made by Carlson to the other regional ANS Panels.

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: NOAA RFP Request**

Staff submitted a statement on Great Lakes regional AIS outreach and research priorities for the Sea Grant RFP to Dorn Carlson on Friday, December 9, 2005. The regional priorities for the RFP were based on the priorities documents of the Great Lakes Panel Information/Education Committee and Research Coordination Committee.

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: NOAA RFP Request**

Outreach: Develop a web-based clearinghouse for aquatic invasive species (AIS) Great Lakes outreach programs including program information; formal/informal education and training opportunities and resources; publications. Projects should compliment not duplicate existing AIS research databases, integrate maintenance, measurable objectives and evaluation and identify programming gaps relative to the I/E priorities of the Great Lakes Panel (www.glc.org/ans/pdf/I-EPriorities4-12-05.pdf).

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: NOAA RFP Request**

Research to analyze and forecast potential changes in ballast water sources and AIS risk to the Great Lakes based on projected trends in global trade patterns over the next 20 years; research to profile and characterize the aquatic organisms-in-trade pathways to the Great Lakes and research to assess the risks associated with specific organisms-in-trade identifying high-risk species.

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: Pimentel Economic Impact Study**

Mike Hoff made available to the Panel an Economic Impact Study, conducted by David Pimentel, Professor of Ecology at Cornell University.

- ✓ The Pimentel study was distributed to the Panel in January 2006 and is also available online on the Great Lakes Panel website.

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: Advance development of a prohibited species list for organisms in trade**

The need for a prohibited species list of organisms in trade (*identified as a near term priority by the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration AIS Strategy Team*) has been addressed by staff in the statement on AIS research priorities submitted for the Sea Grant RFP in December, 2005.

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- ◆ **ACTION ITEM:** Panel membership on the ANSTF Outreach Campaigns: *Habitattitude* and *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Campaign*
 - ✓ A motion was passed for the Great Lakes Panel to join the ANSTF Outreach Campaign as a regional entity based on an electronic vote conducted in March.
 - ✓ To reinforce support for both these campaigns, the Great Lakes Commission passed a resolution at their 2006 Semiannual Meeting, *Partnering with National Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Campaigns Habitattitude* and *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers*

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- ◆ **ACTION ITEM: Prospective Panel membership of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) under the U.S. Dept. of Transportation**
 - ✓ With interest expressed by MARAD to join the Panel, ExCom decided on the following approach in handling new membership
 - ✓ New Panel membership to the Great Lakes Panel now requires 2 years service as an interested party or at-large member

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- ◆ **ACTION ITEM: Prospective membership of the Maritime Administration (MARAD) under the U.S. Dept. of Transportation**
 - ✓ After the two year period, the prospective member is invited to write a letter of interest to the Panel Administer; if approved by both the Executive Committee and the Task Force, the Great Lakes Panel will be asked to vote on the membership
 - ✓ MARAD's representative, Doris Bautch, has initiated membership process through her confirmation as at large member to the Panel

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◆ **ACTION ITEM: The election of Panel officers and at-large members**

- ✓ The Panel election was conducted electronically this spring with the results as reported earlier in this update.

Great Lakes Panel Business

- ◆ **Motion: Passage of meeting summary documenting the Panel fall meeting (Nov. 16-17, 2005)**