

Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species

Erie, Pennsylvania

May 10-11, 2007

Summary Statements and Action Items

Information/Education Committee

- **Member Updates** are now being conducted on a written basis prior to Panel meetings. The updates will be collected 2 weeks before meetings for inclusion in pre-meeting materials and will also be included as part of the meeting proceedings. The written updates should be limited to a paragraph with a page limit if a special project is being highlighted in the update.
 - **Action Item:** Submit your member update, if you have not done so already, to Erika Jensen (ejensen@glc.org) by Friday, June 15, 2007.
- **Project Evaluation Tools**
 - **Action Item:** Staff were requested to investigate the following agenda ideas for the fall (2007) and future Great Lakes Panel meetings:
 - ‘Project Design and Evaluation Workshop’ sponsored by NOAA’s Coastal Services Center to raise awareness among Panel members of the language and available tools for project evaluation.
 - Opportunities to have a joint meeting with the Mississippi River Panel and/or the conduct of a Panel meeting in Canada in coordination with our provincial partners.
- **New At-Large Membership:** When convened for the next Panel election, a request will be forwarded by the Executive Committee to the Panel nominating committee to consider nomination of a Coastal Zone Manager for representation as a new at-large member.
- **Dissemination Strategy for *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* booklet**
 - **Action Item:** Staff was requested to continue work with the I/E Committee on a dissemination strategy for the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* booklet. (*Please note that details on this strategy will be available in the I/E Committee report as part of the forthcoming meeting summary document*)
- **Dissemination Strategy for Committee Priorities Documents**
 - **Action Item:** Staff was requested to work with the Panel committees in developing a strategy for joint dissemination of the I/E Committee Priorities Document and the Research Coordination Committee Priorities Document.

Research Coordination Committee

- **Access to Ballast Water Information**
 - **Action Item:** Research Coordination Committee will draft a recommendation letter for the ANSTF to request the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) to allow release of data to the Panel and Great Lakes researchers.

- **Organisms in Trade Research**
 - **Action Item:** Research committee will continue work on Organisms in Trade in the following areas:
 - Obtain provincial lists of banned or allowed species to add to state lists
 - Work with Lindsay Chadderton (TNC) in developing a unified list (based on state/provincial lists) for regional application
- **International Maritime Organization (IMO) Ballast Water Discharge Standards**
 - **Action Item:** Staff was asked to investigate potential for a future Panel meeting session on the implications of adopting the IMO or other discharge standards.

Policy Committee

- **Comprehensive AIS Legislation**
 - **Action Item:** Staff will work with the Policy Committee on drafting a recommendation letter to the ANS Task Force in support of comprehensive AIS legislation. The letter will be coordinated with the Great Lakes Commission, taking an approach similar to disseminating the AIS dispersal barrier recommendation to the ANS Task Force. The Council of Great Lakes Governors will be invited to participate with the Commission in using the ANSTF recommendation to leverage Congressional action.
- **Rapid Response**
 - **Action Item:** Staff was directed to continue work on establishing an ad hoc Rapid Response Committee, giving immediate attention to the letter of invite to potential co-chairs to include one state and one federal representative lead. Steps will also be taken to explore options for secretariat support as well as the interest of the states to engage on rapid response planning efforts.
- **Role of the ANS Task Force:**
 - **Action Item:** Policy committee will consider holding a conference call to clarify the responsibilities of the ANS Task Force under NANPCA and explore the potential for further developing the relationship between the Task Force and the Great Lakes Panel in working together on ANS policy issues based on the legislative mandate.