

**Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
Joint Meeting with Mississippi River Basin Panel**

**June 17-19, 2008
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Action Items

Joint GLP-MRBP Action Items:

1. **Snakehead in Arkansas:** Contact MRBP Arkansas representative to gather more information on the the confirmed sighting of a breeding population of northern snakehead in state waters this past spring. Both the MRBP and GLP Panels are interested in taking an active role to help address the situation.
 - **Lead:** Doug Keller, MRBP Co-Chair
2. **Risk Assessment:** Develop letter to the ANSTF identifying the need to compare/combine risk assessment frameworks to develop a "gold standard."
 - **Lead:** Mike Hoff, MRBP & GLP Member

Form a joint subcommittee of the GLP Research Coordination and MRBP Research and Risk Assessment Committees to guide the evaluation of risk assessment frameworks. In efforts to secure funding of comparison study, a one page document will be developed for agency RFP's.

- **Lead:** Lindsay Chadderton, GLP Research Coordination Committee Chair, & Duane Chapman, MRBP Research and Risk Assessment Committee Chair
3. **VHS Control Guidelines:** State/provincial Panel members should communicate with their agencies regarding the importance of consistency in VHS control guidelines.
 - **Lead:** State/provincial Panel members

GLP will follow-up with the Great Lakes Fish Health Committee regarding their recommendations.

- **Lead:** Rochelle Sturtevant, GLP Information/Education Committee Chair
4. **Asian Carp Monitoring Project:** Investigate funding opportunities to purchasing transmitters to monitor the movement of Asian carp (\$300/transmitter).
 - **Lead:** GLP Executive Committee and Policy Coordination Committee

Develop a one-page fact sheet on the project and project needs to facilitate the request for contributions and contact the Gulf and South Atlantic Panel Coordinator to gauge their interest.

- **Lead:** Greg Conover, MRBP Coordinator, & Steve Shults, MRBP Prevention and Control Committee Chair
5. **Panel Funding Strategies:** GLP and MRBP Executive Committees will investigate additional opportunities for funding Panel operations or special projects (with both federal and non-federal funding sources).
 - **Lead:** GLP & MRBP Executive Committees
 6. **Funding Statement of Need:** Develop a statement of need regarding funding of regional panels and state management plans based on (a) federal mandate; (b) what panels/states are able to do with current funding; (c) what they are not able to do; and (d) what they need to fulfill their federal mandate. Get all six regional panels to sign on to the letter.
 - **Lead:** Mike Murray, GLP Policy Coordination Committee Chair, & Steve Shults, MRBP Prevention and Control Committee Chair

GLP Action Items:

1. **Panel Funding Strategies:** GLP Executive Committee will work to identify funding opportunities for Panel operations and/or special priority projects. *(Refer to Joint GLP-MRBP Action Items)*
2. **Fall Meeting Theme:** GLP Executive Committee will investigate an “evaluation” theme for the fall GLP meeting, including an adjacent NOAA CSC workshop *(Recommendation from the Information/Education Committee)*. Input is requested on other “theme” ideas for the fall meeting.
3. **GLP List Serve:** Staff will contact GLP members and interested parties with procedural information on how to register for committee list serves.

Research Coordination Committee:

4. **Risk Assessment:** Committee will coordinate with MRBP on a joint subcommittee looking at risk assessment frameworks. *(Refer to Joint GLP-MRBP Action Items)*
5. **Priority Species List:** Committee will identify specific high-priority research needs for each of the species, of which a subset of annual research needs will be identified. Committee will also work with the Information/Education Committee on a list of entities to communicate these needs to inform RFPs (contact via mail first with a follow-up phone call / face-to-face).
6. **Research Priorities Document:** Committee will revisit the document and identify those areas where progress has been made, revising as needed.
7. **Future Work:** Members will look at new potential projects/directions for the Committee.

Information/Education Committee:

8. **ANSTF Annual Report to Congress:** Committee recommended developing a communication to the ANSTF that they resume submitting their annual report to Congress. This communication may be done at the next ANSTF meeting or once new leadership is fully established.
9. **Great Lakes Panel Wiki:** Committee will work with Panel staff to develop a Great Lakes Panel wiki to house information on Panel member organization activities to streamline the member update process. The wiki will be organized by themes and will allow members to update activities on an ongoing basis. The wiki may be used to identify priority activities to highlight at meetings.
10. **ANSTF Experts Database:** Committee Chair will contact the current experts to query areas where there is a need for additional expertise to be accessible on the database. Other Committee efforts will include determining a role for the Experts Database in rapid response scenarios (e.g. the mock exercise for which planning is underway) and what additional expertise would be needed to serve this function.

Policy Coordination Committee:

11. **Asian Carp Monitoring Project:** Committee will draft a letter to pursue financial support for purchasing of transmitters for the project. *(Refer to Joint GLP-MRBP Action Items)*
12. **Funding Statement of Need:** Committee will work with MRBP to develop a funding statement of need. *(Refer to Joint GLP-MRBP Action Items)*
13. **Committee Priorities Work Plan:** Committee will review and prioritize GLRC policy-related recommendations to develop a work plan. This may include an update of the 1999 model legislation to extend regulations as related to organisms in trade.

14. **Rapid Response / Risk Assessment Ad hoc Committees:** Committee identified a continued need for an integrated/coordinated regional framework. Committee Chair will communicate with key individuals on the role the Panel may play in ongoing regional initiatives (e.g. GLRC rapid response communications protocol / mock exercise).
15. **ANS/AIS Terminology:** Committee will look into making a recommendation to the ANSTF that ANS be changed to AIS when referencing the Task Force, Panels or state management plans. This may be included as part of a broader recommendation on reauthorizing legislation. (*Recommendation from the Information/Education Committee*)
16. **Other Projects:** Committee will look into the potential for involvement or support in other areas such as coordination of VHS policies (including GLFC work on movement of live fish regulations) and recent AIS and climate change work.