

**Meeting of the
Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species**

*December 10-11, 2009
Ann Arbor, Mich.*

Action and Decision Items

Great Lakes Panel (GLP)

- (Staff and GLP Executive Committee (ExCom)) Continue to work with ANSTF in developing a funding strategy for the regional ANS panels by scoping out funding needs and identifying funding sources.
- (Staff) Update the GLP Operational Guidance with approved remote participation amendment and distribute to GLP membership.
- (GLP Chair and Staff) Transmit approved Panel Position Statement on a National Ballast Water Discharge Standard to ANSTF and post on the GLP website.
- (GLP Members and Staff) Member entities should be encouraged to recognize GLP committee priorities in the development of their Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) proposals as a mechanism to reflect regional support of the Great Lakes Panel for projects to be submitted under the GLRI.
- (Staff and ExCom) Encourage re-energizing of ANSTF Recreational Activities Committee to revisit Recreational Guidelines, including the status on how the guidelines are being promoted and implemented by the Task Force.
- (ExCom and GLP Members): Identify opportunities that may emerge in the process of GLRI proposal development where the GLP could add value in a coordinative role (e.g., state-based regional AIS monitoring project).
- Staff and ExCom: Coordinate planning of the 2010 GLP spring meeting, to be held at some point during the last two weeks of April; one proposed theme for the meeting is innovative biological and chemical technologies for AIS prevention and control.
- (GLP Chair and Staff): Convene an ad-hoc nominating committee to prepare a ballot for the spring election of Panel officers and at-large members.

Information/Education (I/E) Committee

- (I/E Committee and Staff) Modify and re-distribute Recreational Guidelines among membership for further comment; followed by an electronic vote on the revised version of the guidelines.
- (Staff) Distribute the Committee Priorities Documents to funding entities and conduct a GLIN-announce for grant applicants, particularly those responding to the GLRI RFP.
- (Staff and GLP Members) Continue to encourage use of the Wiki in posting member and interested party updates as well as updating/developing priorities documents:
 - (GLC Staff) Post editing instructions on wiki
 - (GLC Staff) Re-format/synthesize section on member updates on the wiki to reflect progress on the committee priorities (*to be addressed after spring 2010 meeting*)
- (I/E Chair and Staff) Continue to promote use of the ANSTF database in rapid response activities; ask for recommendations on new categories for making applicable to rapid response (e.g., mock exercises, projects, early detection, rapid response reports); use GLIN Announce to “advertise” the ANSTF database.
- (I/E Committee and Staff) Call for new ideas on outreach initiatives for consideration by the committee to move forward.
- (I/E Chair and Staff) Develop 2010-11 workplan considering input above.

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- (Panel Staff) Complete assessment of the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* (GLAI) booklet survey and meet additional requests for copies for dissemination to maximize distribution to priority audiences.

Research Coordination Committee (RCC)

- (RCC Chair and Staff) Professional Responsibility Statement: Circulate for 2 week comment period; conduct electronic vote for approval on the revised version; submit approved statement to the ANS Task Force as a recommendation and advance dissemination as a product of the Great Lakes Panel.
- (RCC Chair and Staff) Incorporate approved amendments (e.g., ballast water treatment system) to Research Priorities Document and distribute to funders (GLRI) and project developers.

Policy Coordination Committee (PCC)

- (PCC Chair, PCC Members and Staff) Revisit committee guidelines/mission statement to ensure consistency with federal mandate, and revise if necessary:
 - If determined necessary, propose and finalize a new committee name
- (PCC and Staff) Review, revise as necessary, and finalize Committee work plan.
- (PCC Chair, PCC Members and Staff) Draft committee priorities document, share with full GLP in early April and aim for approval at spring 2010 meeting.
- (PCC and Staff): Look at the vector of canals and waterways as it relates to ecological separation of the Mississippi River and Great Lakes basin.
- (PCC Chair, PCC Members) Finalize recommendation to ANS Task Force on the components that need to be addressed in federal legislation advancing pre-import screening to reduce risk of AIS associated with organisms in trade.