

***GLP Meeting Decision and Action Items:
November 1-December 30, 2011
Ann Arbor, Michigan
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Great Lakes Panel Action Items

- **Input on ANS Task Force Initiatives** (GLP members, ExCom, and staff)
 - ANSTF Strategic Plan (2012-2017): Comments on the ANS Strategic Plan should be submitted to Mike Murray (murray@nwf.org) and Kathe (shwayder@glc.org) by Wednesday, December 21. GLP input will be incorporated as part of a letter on the Plan that will be submitted to the Task Force from the GLP ExCom by the end of January. An opportunity for GLP review will be provided before submission to the ANS Task Force.
 - National Recreational Guidelines to the ANSTF: Comments on the guidelines should be submitted by GLP members directly to Laura Norcutt (Laura_Norcutt@fws.gov), ANS Task Force staff, by Friday, Dec. 16, 2011.
 - Recreational Boating Pathway: A letter will be drafted by the GLP ExCom to address the ANSTF action item on the movement of infested boats to reflect the need to broaden the statement from the Western states to a national scale.
 - Nonindigenous Aquatic Species (NAS) Data Base: Given budget reductions for technical support to maintain the USGS NAS database, GLP members are being requested to provide comment on the value of the database in their AIS work. Please submit comments directly to Susan Mangin (susan_mangin@fws.gov) of the ANSTF and copy Kathe (shwayder@glc.org) by Friday, January 13.

- **Ballast Water Collaborative** (GLP chair and staff): The GLP chair will submit a letter to the St. Lawrence Seaway Corporation and the International Joint Commission to demonstrate support for the work of the Ballast Water Collaborative.

- **GLP 2012 Elections** (ExCom and staff)
 - Convening of Nominating Committee: An ad hoc committee will be convened to nominate GLP officers and at large members for the spring GLP elections to develop the GLP election ballot during January, 2012.
 - Conduct GLP Election: Staff will prepare the ballot based on input from the nominating committee and conduct the vote electronically in the March timeframe; newly elected officers and at large members will take positions at spring 2012 GLP meeting.
 - Committee Chairs: Advise on candidates interested/qualified in serving in committee chair positions.

- **Rapid Response Planning** (staff and ExCom): GLC staff will pursue grant opportunities to support the initiatives listed below:
 - Design and prepare for the conduct of a rapid response workshop/tabletop exercise as a follow-on to a future GLP meeting.

- Develop outreach products to feature success stories of AIS management and rapid response (*e.g.*, update of Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions booklet, webpage development).
- **Spring 2012 meeting planning** (staff and ExCom):
 - Staff will facilitate planning meetings between the GLP ExCom and leadership from the Northeast Regional ANS Panel (NEANS).
 - As part of the agenda planning, the I/E committee will work with the NEANS Panel to organize an I/E session with a focus on social media (see information/education section below).

Committee Action Items

- **Information/Education (I/E)**
 - Outreach Product Development (staff, committee chair and members): Pursue funding opportunities to support the development of new outreach products to improve existing efforts (*e.g.*, better targeting specific user groups). Proposed project activities will include updated AIS booklet, redesign of GLP website, social marketing tools (applications for AIS), among others.
 - Webinar Series (staff, committee chair and members): The I/E Committee will showcase success stories of the GLP and other groups through the hosting of a webinar series, featuring programs such as *Sooper Yooper* and *Nab the Aquatic Invader*, among others.
 - Spring 2012 GLP Meeting Outreach Session (committee chair and members and staff): In planning a joint meeting with the Northeast ANS Panel (NEANS), the GLP I/E Committee Chair (Doug Jensen) and staff (Erika Jensen) will collaborate with the NEANS on an outreach session showcasing outreach project with a particular focus on the design and application of social media.
 - Watch Card Review (committee chair and members, and staff): The committee will review 6 new Watch Cards, including mystery snails, curly-leaf pondweed, red swamp crayfish, water chestnut, etc.
- **Research Coordination Committee (RCC)**
 - Risk Assessments (RA) (committee chair and members and staff): The committee will look for opportunities to: 1) coordinate and improve RA for organisms in trade, 2) “standardize” RA among jurisdictions; 3) develop recommended RA approaches using Tier 1 (rapid) and Tier 2 (more extensive) approaches
 - Ballast Water Collaborative (GLP members and staff):
 - Look for a “home” for ballast water data being compiled by Canadian Ship-owners Association that is complementary to the U.S. data (suggestions include National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC), IJC, Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute, Great Lakes ANS Information System). Contact Dave Reid (dfrAISC@comcast.net) with information.

- Contribute to GLP chair's letter of support for BWC in its work on data collection, species assemblages at various ports, identification of "hot" ports for organism transfer, red flag ports with newly introduced species.
 - Grass Carp Issue Brief (staff and committee members): Continue work on the issue brief, *Grass Carp: Management Issues and Risks to the Great Lakes* with guidance from interested members of the committee and Mississippi River Basin Panel. Upon completion, the issue brief will be circulated to the GLP RCC for review, comment and recommendations for next steps.
- **Policy Coordination Committee (PCC)**
 - Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) (committee chair and staff): Track the development of the GLWQA negotiations including opportunities for input and implementation of principles under the Agreement (the GLWQA will be added to the PCC workplan).
 - PCC Priorities Document: (committee chair and members and staff): Work will continue on the priorities document with input from committee members on issues and associated background statements and recommendations.
 - Regional AIS Initiative: The committee stands prepared to respond to specific requests from the Initiative and engage the rest of the GLP as needed.
 - Organisms in Trade (OIT) (committee chair and staff): With guidance from the chair, staff will work with the other regional ANS panels in development of an outreach product(s) to raise understanding and awareness for the need for policy/action on the OIT issue. Outcomes, (e.g., recommended OIT principles and horror stories) will be made available to interested parties.
 - Rapid Response (committee chair and members, staff): Pursue grant opportunities that will provide support to promote rapid response planning on a regional basis; a primary focus of this effort will be the conduct of a table-top/mock exercise to prepare for AIS rapid response and Incident Command System (ICS) training. (See first item in rapid response planning section above.)
 - Ballast Water Policy (chair and staff) Provide a role in advancing policy and/or technology development of ballast water treatment focused on the Great Lakes, taking into account the newly released Draft Vessel General Permit of the U.S. EPA.
 - ANS Task Force Strategic Plan (committee chair and members, staff): Solicit input from GLP members on the Strategic Plan by Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 that will be used in drafting a GLP comment letter on the plan. Before submission to the ANS Task Force (at the end of January), the letter will be circulated to GLP members for review. (See first item on input for ANS Task Force initiatives above.)