

### *Action Items*

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

November 16-17, 2005

Ann Arbor, Michigan

(Revised April 2006)

- **ACTION ITEM:** Revise minutes from the April 2005 Panel meeting based on a comment received during the November 2005 meeting: Beth Brownson (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resource) noted the need for a title change of premier to Prime Minister of Ontario, offered during the Panel meeting update.
  - **Staff will revise the April 2005 Panel meeting minutes and repost on the website by December 23, 2005.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Scott Newsham, ANSTF Executive Secretary, has requested input on the annual ANS Task Force Report to Congress from members of the Great Lakes Panel and the Great Lakes Commission staff. The primary goal of the report is to raise the aquatic invasive species (AIS) issue as a priority to Congress. The report will feature accomplishments of the ANSTF, including work of associated committees and the regional ANS panels. It was noted that the report, to be submitted to Congress on an annual basis, needs to be defined in terms of format, content and process by which the report will be developed. Newsham will request input from the regional ANS panels on such parameters on which to base the report before finalized.
  - **When the general format and content guidelines for the ANS Task Force Annual Report are provided to staff, the guidelines will be forwarded to the Panel members for their information.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Panel members were encouraged to provide comments to the U.S. Coast Guard on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Ballast Water Regulations that is expected to be released shortly. (Commander Karen Phillips mentioned that 3 of 4 chapters are completed with environmental consequences as the final section).
  - **Questions on the EIS should be directed to Cmdr. Phillips ([kphillips@d9.uscg.mil](mailto:kphillips@d9.uscg.mil)).**
- **ACTION ITEM:** It has been requested that the U.S. Coast Guard convey information on ballast water reporting requirements to the Great Lakes Panel Information/Education Committee.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Dorn Carlson, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has requested input on Great Lakes regional priorities (a paragraph of not more than 750 characters) for AIS research and outreach grants for the FY 2007 NOAA Sea Grant RFP. Funding for this grant cycle is approximately \$200,000 for 1-2 years in duration. The requested input is needed in the form of 1-2 of the regional priorities related to outreach and research rather than a description of all the Panel's top priorities.
  - **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.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Mike Hoff will make available to the Panel an Economic Impact Study, conducted by David Pimentel, Professor of Ecology at Cornell University.
  - **The Pimentel study was sent to Panel staff by Mike and is available as an attached document to this communication dated January 10, 2006. The study will also be placed on the Great Lakes Panel website by the end of April, 2006.**

- **ACTION ITEM:** Managers interested in obtaining Chemfish Regular (active ingredient Rotenone) at a cost-effective price should contact Beth Brownson, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ([beth.brownson@mnr.gov.on.ca](mailto:beth.brownson@mnr.gov.on.ca)).
- **ACTION ITEM:** The Great Lakes Panel will take action to advance development of a prohibited species list for organisms in trade as identified as a near term priority by the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (GLRC) AIS Strategy Team.
  - **The need for a prohibited species list of organisms in trade will be addressed by staff in the statement on AIS research priorities that will be submitted for the Sea Grant RFP discussed above.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** The document, *AIS Information and Education Priorities for the Great Lakes*, was presented to the Panel at the November meeting by Emily Finnell, Chair of the Panel Information/Education Committee. The priorities document was approved by the Panel and will be submitted to the ANS Task Force with noted changes from discussion at the November meeting.
  - **Staff will submit the I/E priorities document to the ANS Task Force with a transmittal letter from the Panel chair by the end of March.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** The Research Coordination Committee received approval for the 2005 Great Lakes Panel Priority Invasive Species List with noted changes from committee discussion during the Panel meeting.
  - **Staff will submit the priority species list to the ANS Task Force with a transmittal letter from the Panel chair by mid-April.**
  - **The Research Coordination Committee will develop a list of criteria to be used as justification for the listing of priority AIS species. In addition, the Committee requests that proposed additions to the list include justification in accordance with this criteria list.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion at the Panel meeting indicated the need to investigate other funding sources to support Panel operations, including the conduct of two meetings per year. It was suggested that staff inquire how other regional ANS panels handle operational funding issues, such as the conduct of meetings.
  - **Staff will discuss the funding issue with the other regional ANS panel officers and staff and will also suggest that this issue be put on the ANSTF agenda for the spring meeting. Further, Great Lakes Commission staff will work with the Executive Committee on funding strategies for the Great Lakes Panel with guidance from Scott Newsham, ANSTF Executive Secretary.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** The ANS Task Force will be informed by staff that the Great Lakes Panel supports passage of comprehensive AIS legislation in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress and recommends that the Task Force take a dynamic role within respective departments, administrations and agencies to facilitate productive discussions with the Administration and Congress that AIS legislation is needed now.
- **ACTION ITEM:** A motion was made at the Panel meeting that a decision was in order as to whether the Great Lakes Panel, as a regional entity, should formally join the ANSTF Outreach Campaigns: *Habitattitude* and *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers Campaign*.
  - **Staff will conduct an electronic vote on Great Lakes Panel membership to the ANS Outreach Campaigns by mid-March, 2006.**
- **ACTION ITEM:** The election of Panel officers and at-large officers is planned for the first quarter of 2006. As part of the election process, a call for nominees will be made to be followed by the

conduct of the election by email. It is planned that newly elected Panel officers will be formally announced at the upcoming spring meeting of the Panel.

- **Staff will make a formal request at end of March for nominees for Panel officers and at large members with elections to follow.**
  
- **ACTION ITEM:** Doris J. Batach, Director of the Great Lakes Regional Office, was introduced at the meeting for the Maritime Administration (MARAD) under the U.S. Department of Transportation. MARAD has expressed interest in membership on the Panel.
  - **Staff will work with the Panel Executive Committee and the ANSTF Executive Secretary in addressing MARAD's request to join the Panel. A recommendation will be made at the spring Panel meeting.**
  
- **ACTION ITEM:** To expedite documentation of the Panel meeting, Panel members are requested send member updates to staff (review attached meeting summary with account of member updates and offer additions/revisions as needed).
  - **Member updates should be submitted to Marcia Woodburn at [woodburn@glc.org](mailto:woodburn@glc.org) by Monday, January 23, 2005.**