

*A Collaborative Approach to Advance  
Implementation of State Management  
Plans by Prevention and Control of  
Aquatic Nuisance Species in the  
Great Lakes Region*

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# *Collaboration on State ANS Management Plans for Prevention and Control*

- ◆ **Project Mandate:** *Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (NANPCA)*, under section 1204 states are invited to
  - ✓ Develop comprehensive management plans for the prevention and control of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- ◆ **Project Guidance:** In 1996, Panel, Great Lakes Commission and State's Sea Grant developed *A Model Comprehensive State Management Plan for the Prevention and Control of Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Species*

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- ◆ **Project Goal:** Advance effective development and implementation of state ANS management plans (SMPs) based on the following goals:
  - ✓ prevention of new ANS invasions
  - ✓ control of established ANS populations
  - ✓ abatement of ecological and economic impacts
- ◆ **Project funding:** National Sea Grant Program

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- ◆ **Project Partners:** Great Lakes Sea Grant Programs, state agencies and Great Lakes Commission
- ◆ **Methodology:** Build capacity for ANS prevention and control through state management plans by conducting
  - ✓ State specific workshops
  - ✓ Regional summit
- ◆ **Project Outcomes:** National Sea Grant Program
  - ✓ Collaboration among project participants
  - ✓ Recommendations on how to advance implementation of state ANS management plans on a state and regional basis

# *Memorandum of Agreement*

- ◆ Establishes framework of state Sea Grant/GLC project collaboration:
  - ✓ plan and coordinate state workshops
  - ✓ conduct regional summit based on findings and outcomes of state-specific workshops
  - ✓ publish summit proceedings

## *Project Tasks*

- **Task A:** Project infrastructure and scoping
- **Task B:** Conduct state-specific workshops to develop recommendations on how to advance the development and implementation of state ANS management plans
- **Task C:** Develop process to assist the states in measuring progress and effectiveness of their state management plans
- **Task D:** Regional summit meeting and proceedings document

## *Status of State ANS Management Plans of the Great Lakes Region*

- ◆ **Illinois:** Recently approved state management plan in early stages of implementation.
- ◆ **Indiana:** DNR led a statewide interagency process to develop a comprehensive SMP with all agencies and organizations involved in nonindigenous nuisance species issues. SMP approved within the last year with preparations underway for implementation.
- ◆ **Michigan:** SMP revised in 2002 with implementation efforts underway. SMP currently under review by the gubernatorial Aquatic Invasive Species Council in efforts to further advance plan implementation.

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- ◆ **Minnesota:** Established Invasive Species Program. State has yet to adopt a comprehensive management plan, though there are invasive species projects underway. Minnesota Statutes 2004, 84D.02 authorizes the establishment of a statewide program. State representatives are working towards reinforcing the program with a state plan to include both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species.

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- ◆ **New York:** SMP developed in 1994, updated and revised in 2002. New York established the Invasive Species Task Force which is currently studying the spread and impacts of invasive species in the state. The state task force will report their findings by November 2005. The report is expected to provide a framework for the policies and programs to address the growing AIS threat. State representatives communicate that the development of a revised state management is not to proceed until after the task force has released their report

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- ◆ **Ohio:** SMP approved in 1998 by the Task Force with implementation underway. DNR planning to update the plan in the coming year.
- ◆ **Pennsylvania:** in the process of developing an Invasive Species Management Plan under the auspices of an Aquatic Invasive Species Council. The plan will include both aquatic and terrestrial species.
- ◆ **Wisconsin:** approved SMP with implementation underway

# *Progress Report on SMP Workshops*

## ◆ Michigan's SMP workshop

- ✓ Series of conference calls and meetings
- ✓ Workshop planning has been initiated in close coordination with Michigan DEQ and Sea Grant.
- ✓ Workshop will be conducted under the auspices of the state AIS Council
- ✓ Workshop scheduled for summer of 2005

## ◆ Pennsylvania's SMP workshop

- ✓ Initial conference calls established
- ✓ Project planning has been initiated with project partners
- ✓ Model workshop for SMP development for both aquatic and terrestrial species

## ◆ Wisconsin SMP Workshop

- ✓ Workshop planning process initiated
- ✓ Workshop will focus on implementation products

# *Progress Report*

- Project scoping and background research
  - Assessment of progress of SMPs around the region to provide the basis for briefing paper that will help set the stage for state-specific workshops
- Project infrastructure
  - MOA in process to provide a foundation for Sea Grant/state/GLC collaboration
- Initial planning of some state workshops

## *Next Steps*

- Finalize MOA with Sea Grant programs to provide administrative basis for collaboration with project partners
- Continue workshop planning efforts with participating states reasonably staggered with conduct of workshops
- Develop workshop outcomes in preparation for regional summit to advance implementation of state ANS management plans