

***Great Lakes Panel on ANS
Spring Meeting
June 25-26, 2009
Buffalo, New York***

ANS Task Force Update Report

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ANSTF Leadership/Staff Update

- **Co-Chairs**

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Gary Frazer
- NOAA: Mary Glackin as Acting Co-chair

- **ANSTF Executive Secretary**

- Susan Mangin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Special Session on Regional Panel and State AIS Mgt. Plan funding

- Result of joint initiative by GLP and MRBP
- Presentations by Jim Grazio and Doug Keller

Regional Panel Funding

- Regional Panel administrative infrastructures vary, but missions are the same
 - Common challenges
 - Crosscutting Issues
- Panel Funding authorizations under NISA
 - Expired in 2002
 - NISA Authorization \$300k
 - \$50k/Panel since 2004
 - NAISA proposed \$3 million for Regional Panels...

Regional Panel Funding

- Panels are struggling under current economy
 - Meeting attendance
 - Implementation of AIS Mgt Plans
 - Funding for supplemental projects of Regional significance

Working towards solutions

- ANSTF Strategic Plan (2007-2012)
 - Goal 5: Maximize the organizational effectiveness of the ANSTF
 - Objective 5.2: Explore opportunities to establish statutory and regulatory authorities necessary to implement ANSTF goals and objectives
 - Determine if a need exists for new funding mechanisms for interagency activities
 - Objective 5.3: Coordinate federal agency budgets to support ANSTF priorities and establish a clear process that links state and regional needs with the federal budget process
 - Federal agencies will take ANSTF-approved RP recommendations into consideration during the budget development process and provide feedback
 - ANSTF will work with NISC to ensure ANS priorities are reflected in the Interagency Invasive Species Performance Budget and communicated to OMB.

State Mgt. Plan Funding

- **SMP Funding Allocation**

- FY'04 SMP cost-share grants = \$72k
- Currently 31 states @ 1.075M = \$35k
- 50 states @ \$1.075M = \$21k
- Little incentive to develop SMP at current funding

***Regional Panel Presentation:
Need for Increased ANS Funding
State Management Plans & Regional Panels***

■ **State Dedicated AIS Staff Poll**

- 38 states responded (exclude some WRP states)
- Only 9 w/ at least 1 dedicated AIS staff
- 8 of these had plans '04 or earlier when funding was \$72k or higher
- Some feel continued funding decrease will pull position in different directions
- 17 w/ a staff person spending less than 25%
- Likely little action on SMP's where a staff person cannot devote their full efforts to AIS issues

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■ **State contributions**

➤ Indiana '08:

- \$344k new invasive plant eradication projects
- \$700k control of well established invasive plants
- dedicated funding but by law must be spent on plant control
- \$85k personnel
- = \$1.1m in state money
- \$46k from ANSTF
- little outreach spending
- travel extremely difficult unless others pay

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■ **Recommendations to the ANSTF**

- Concerted effort should be made by ANSTF to identify additional sources of USFWS project funding
- Regional Panel members should communicate the importance of ANS issues and funding to their respective USFWS Regional Directors.

Regional Panel Presentation: Need for Increased ANS Funding State Management Plans & Regional Panels

■ **Recommendations to the ANSTF**

- The ANSTF should request that all member agencies explore their respective financial resources to provide funding support for the regional panels and state management plans
 - ANSTF Strategic Plan Objective 5.3: Coordinate federal agency budgets to support ANSTF priorities and link state and regional needs with the federal budget process

Regional Panel Presentation: Need for Increased ANS Funding State Management Plans & Regional Panels

■ **Recommendations to the ANSTF**

- The Regional Panels request the USFWS assist in this effort by:
 - providing staff to help coordinate funding with other federal agencies
 - providing information to the Regional Panels so that member entities can communicate the importance of ANS issues and the need for increased funding to other federal agencies at the local and regional levels

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■ Recommendation

- To help communicate the need for additional funding, it is recommended that USFWS request the Regional Panels and states provide tiered annual work plans that identify:
 - existing needs and associated cost estimates
 - what can be accomplished at current funding

ANSTF Spring Meeting Decisions and Recommendations (DRAFT)

■ **Decisions**

- Tentatively plan future ANSTF meetings for first week in November and first week in May, with fall meeting in DC and spring meeting rotating among regional panels
- Continue organizing ANSTF meetings around themes, with next meeting focusing on implementation of the *ANSTF Strategic Plan* and *NISC Management Plan*
- Conditionally approved the Utah ANS management plan, pending incorporation of review comments

ANSTF Spring Meeting Decisions and Recommendations (DRAFT)

■ **Recommended Actions**

- (Control Committee) Oversee review of regional panels' RR plans and templates to identify strengths and weaknesses, as part of effort to possibly develop model. Present at the next meeting.
- (USCG and NPS) Continue work on ballast water protocol for grounded vessels and present at next meeting

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- (Quagga-Zebra Mussel (Q-ZAP) Action Plan
 - Developed by WRP and sent to ANSTF May 2009
 - Identified priority actions and mgt. Strategies needed to respond to dreissenid invasions in the western US.
 - Revisions necessary; will be resubmitted to ANSTF for review
 - Contact David Reid for list of researchers to review
 - (Executive Secretary and Ryce) Synthesize comments from respective reviewers of Q-ZAP for a July ANSTF call to determine next steps

ANSTF Spring Meeting Decisions and Recommendations (DRAFT)

■ **Recommended Actions**

- (USCG) Evaluate recommendation regarding barge industry transport of AIS transport and BMPs for applesnail egg masses
- (USFWS) Explore recommendation to establish implementation committee and funding plan for Asian carp NMP

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▪ **Recommended Actions**

- Draft Research Protocol
 - Developed by ANSTF Research Committee
 - Provides guidance to researchers working with AIS
 - To be sent ANSTF members for 60-day review and comment. Consolidate comments and provide to Research Committee

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- **Recommended Actions**

- (Hoff) Continue process of moving toward study of comparative evaluation of screening and other risk assessment systems

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- **Recommended Actions**

- (Executive Secretary) Review funding recommendations for regional panels and state ANS plans to put more detail to them. Coordinate with co-chairs to determine next steps. Report at fall meeting

*ANSTF Spring Meeting:
Bozeman, Montana: May 19-21, 2009*



ANSTF Spring Meeting: Field Trip Madison River



*ANSTF Spring Meeting: Field Trip
Monitoring for the New Zealand Mudsnail
in the Madison River*



ANSTF Spring Meeting: Field Trip Restoration of Cutthroat Trout Populations As Threatened by Brook Trout Invasion



*ANSTF Spring Meeting: Field Trip
Restoration of Cutthroat Trout Populations
Who Might Be Those Suspicious Invaders Below?*



ANSTF Spring Meeting: Field Trip Canyon Ferry Reservoir

- Managing a recreational fishery resulting from illegal introduction of invasive fish, such as walleye, yellow perch, among others

