

*Great Lakes Panel Update  
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## ■ **Membership Update**

- *U.S. EPA GLNPO (Alternate)*
  - *Bill Bolen, Senior Advisor*
- *NOAA (Alternate)*
  - *Jennifer Day, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab*
- *Minnesota (Alternate)*
  - *Jeff Stollenwerk, Industrial Water Quality Permits Supervisor, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*
- *Ohio (Alternate)*
  - *David Kelch, Ohio Sea Grant*
- *At-Large (Primary)*
  - *Lindsay Chadderton, Aquatic Invasive Species Director, The Nature Conservancy & Notre Dame, Great Lakes Program*





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- **Action Item for Great Lakes Panel (GLP) Committees:** Continue work in developing committee workplans to lay the ground work for a GLP strategic plan that will strengthen communication and coordination on regional initiatives
  - *Each of the Committees has been working to update or develop their respective priorities documents*
  - *Priorities documents will provide basis for workplans and GLP strategic plan*



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- **Action Item for ExCom** (with assistance from staff):  
Invite a representative of the Great Lakes Regional Coordination (GLRC) to the next GLP meeting (Spring 2009) to provide an overview of recent/ongoing GLRC AIS initiatives that will help identify opportunities for collaboration.
  - *Bill Bolen, USEPA-Great Lakes National Program Office to address GLRC on Day 2 of our meeting*
  - *Presentation will focus on the \$475 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which is the funding mechanism proposed under the President's FY 2010 budget to address the priorities established under the GLRC*



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- **Action Item for GLP Members:** Prepare programmatic updates for online submission on GLP wiki.
  - *The wiki has been populated with approximately 1/3 of member updates thus far...*
  - *Post your own and check out your fellow member updates at: <http://wiki.glin.net>*
  - *If you have yet to submit your update, the wiki is accessible for updating on a continual basis*
  - *The I/E Committee will be working on the wiki design to also reflect progress under committee priorities*



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- **Action Item for ExCom** (based on GLP survey results): Work with GLP staff and Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Executive Director in exploring options for alternative and/or supplemental GLP funding.
- **Action Item for ExCom:** Work with GLP staff and GLC Executive Director to clarify and improve coordination of GLP and GLC activities
  - *Communication between the GLP ExCom and the GLC has been strengthened, particularly involving funding issues and meeting planning*
  - *No recommendations have been made to date*
  - *It is expected that future work will focus on the GLP and GLC coordinating efforts under the proposed Great Lakes Restoration Initiative*

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## Information/Education Committee

- **Action Item for Staff and GLP State Representatives:**
  - Continue with distribution of the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* booklet targeting newly- elected local, state and federal officials and legislators
    - *GLC Advocacy*
      - *Great Lakes Day (Feb. 2009): Federal legislators*
      - *National AIS Screening Fly-In (May 2009): Federal Legislators.*
        - *Purpose: inform on the need for H.R. 669: Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act*
    - *US Forest Service: Agency Partners*
    - *State of Ohio: Governor Ted Strickland, Ohio legislators, and selected mayors and county commissioners along Lake Erie*



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## Information/Education Committee

- **Action Item for the Information/Education Committee:**

Distribute Committee priorities documents to funding agencies, pending revision of the RCC priorities document

- *Dissemination of I/E Committee priorities documents will occur when update of RCC document is completed (after spring meeting)*
- *Other Committee priorities documents will be distributed when revision/development is complete*



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## **Research Coordination Committee**

- **Action Item for the Research Coordination Committee**

A Panel policy position statement will be drafted to address professional responsibilities/ethics in reporting new AIS discoveries

- *Draft statement is under review by members of the Research Coordination Committee*

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## **Research Coordination Committee**

- Update Priorities Document and forward to the Information/Education Committee for distribution to funding agencies
  - *Revision of Research Priorities Document is in process*





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## **Research Coordination Committee**

- **Decision Item:** The prohibited/regulated species list is to be forwarded to the Policy Coordination Committee to determine how to communicate the need for regulatory consistency among the Great Lakes states
  - *Formal communication of list by RCC to PCC is under development*



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## **Policy Coordination Committee**

- **Recommendation to ExCom:** Finalize the funding letter (in conjunction with the Mississippi River Basin Panel ExCom) to promote increased funding for operation of the Regional ANS Panels and implementation of state management plans.
  - *Upon consensus of the 6 regional panels, the funding letter was submitted in Feb. to the ANS Task Force as a recommendation*  
*(<http://www.glc.org/ans/panel.html#recommendations>)*
  - *In response to recommendation, ANSTF addressed the funding issue at the May 2009 meeting*



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## **Policy Coordination Committee**

- **Recommendation for GLP Chair:** On behalf of the GLP, resubmit the ballast water recommendation (made to the ANSTF in February 2008) with a new cover letter advising members to address the urgent need for effective national regulations to prevent the discharge of organisms from vessels declaring ballast and no ballast on board. Target audience: new Administration and newly appointed ANSTF co-chairs and members.
  - ❑ *Ballast Water Letter resubmitted in Feb. 2009*
  - ❑ *No response to date*



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## **Policy Coordination Committee**

- Development of PCC Priorities Document
  - *Work is progressing on the PCC Priorities Document*
    - *Outline developed on key AIS policy issues that are to be addressed in the document*
    - *Writing assignments have been proposed on each issue (including lead, supporting drafters and reviewers)*
  - *Committee work plan is under development*



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### **Policy Coordination Committee**

- **Action Item for Staff:** Create an organizational schematic that would provide a visual representation of member agencies, organizations and entities participating on the GLP, including the Panel's relationship to the ANS Task Force
  - *No progress to date*

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## Policy Coordination Committee

- **Decision Item:** The PCC will take initiative in addressing the rapid response issue as a priority, by considering ways the GLP can contribute to advancing an integrated/coordinated regional framework for rapid response in the Great Lakes region
  - *Dialogue has been initiated on opportunities for rapid response with representatives from the U.S. EPA, GLNPO and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Great Lakes states potentially involving*
    - *Mock exercise(s)*
    - *Incident Command System (ICS) training*
    - *Initiatives to be conducted on both a state and regional level*