

Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
Meeting Action Items
April 26-27, 2004
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Please note: These action items below are categorized based on topic. The items can also be found in the text of the minutes in the order discussed at the Panel meeting.*

General Panel Operations

- Staff is requested to look for opportunities to convene an upcoming meeting of the Great Lakes Panel in conjunction with the national ANS Task Force.
- Panel members are requested to review their membership information listed on the recently revised Panel membership webpage (www.glc.org/about/taskforce/glpanel.html) and contact Kathe Glassner-Shwayder (shwayder@glc.org) with any corrections/revisions.
- Panel members and other interested parties are requested to submit links relevant to ANS issues to Glassner-Shwayder (shwayder@glc.org) for listing on the Great Lakes Commission's ANS webpage, "Other Useful ANS Links" (www.glc.org/ans/links.html).
- Roger Eberhardt and/or Panel staff will consult with the ANS Task Force staff in regarding how to approach pursuing a name change for the Great Lakes Panel.
- Staff will work to develop a draft operations manual for the Panel to review at the next Panel meeting.
- Staff will work with the co-chairs of the national ANS Task Force to determine the advocacy role of the regional ANS panels and incorporate this guidance into the Great Lakes Panel's draft operations manual.

Information and Education Committee

- The Information/Education (I/E) Committee, with staff, will explore the option of associating the new version of the aquatic invasive species brochure (formerly called *Biological Invasions*) with the *Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Campaign* of the national ANS Task Force. In working with the Task Force, staff is directed to consult with Joe Starincheck regarding possible evaluation mechanisms for the revised brochure.
- The I/E Committee encouraged participation of members from the Policy/Legislation and Research Coordination Committees in the process of revising the *Biological Invasions* brochure. Panel members are requested to contact Kathe Glassner-Shwayder (shwayder@glc.org) regarding their interest along with any related comments regarding the brochure revision process.
- Members of the I/E Committee will develop the next iteration of the I/E priorities document in preparation for discussion at the next Panel meeting.

Policy and Legislation Committee

- **Members of the Policy/Legislation Committee and other Panel members are asked to send any additional policy/legislation priority issues for inclusion in the priorities document.**
- **The timeline for completion of the priorities document will be established by staff and the Policy/Legislation Committee.**
- **Individual Panel members are encouraged to communicate to the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) (and others in Congress) to ensure that the following provisions stay intact in NAISA: screening for intentional introductions; rapid response; regional panels; state management plans; early detection and monitoring.**
- **The Policy/Legislation Committee recommended, with full Panel approval by voice consent, that the Great Lakes Commission send a letter to the Council of Great Lakes Governors, as well as the Mayors/Cities Initiative requesting their support for NAISA. It was voiced that the letter should also convey recent concerns about NAISA not passing this session, at risk of not being comprehensive, and articulate that the states see a need for this legislation, holding Congress accountable for what happens to NAISA.**
- **Helen Brohl will contact the U.S. Coast Guard Executive Branch to inquire the status of the review process of the IMO convention and circulate the IMO synopsis document as drafted to the Panel.**
- **Statement on a proposed *National Ballast Water Research Center* in the Great Lakes was referred back to the Policy/Legislation Committee and the Research Coordination Committee, for redrafting and future consideration before the full Panel at the next meeting in late fall or early winter.**

Research Coordination Committee

- **The Research Committee will continue to work on refining the research priorities document based on discussions during the committee meeting.**
- **The priority invasive species list will be divided into 3 separate categories: “Hot List Species,” “Existing Aquatic Invasive Species” and “Authorized/Intentional Introductions.”**
- **The Research Committee agreed that the add brown trout should be added to the list of priority invasive species.**

Rapid Response Project

- **To support outreach efforts on hydrilla rapid response, Panel members should contact Mike Klepinger (klep@msu.edu) for more information or if there is interest in creating hydrilla hunt cards for other Great Lakes states. Digital files are available for reproduction and the state name can be easily inserted.**