

# Successes and Accomplishments of the Great Lakes Panel on ANS

## Communications

- *ANS Update* newsletter (ongoing)
- *Biological Invasions* (brochure, 1998)
- Booklet: *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* (booklet, 2006)



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## Regional Coordination on AIS Policy

- Ballast Water Management Position Statement (March 2001)
  - 41 recommendations designed to guide the development of criteria for ballast water management practices and treatment technologies
- Great Lakes Action Plan (1999)
  - Agreement signed by the Great Lakes governors, and premiers, to promote a unified and aggressive regional ANS agenda to advance ongoing efforts to develop and implement comprehensive ANS state and provincial management plans/efforts



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## Building Consensus through Regional Partnerships – Workshops, Symposia and Conferences

- Symposium on NISA Reauthorization (May 2001)
- Symposium on Ballast Water Management (April 1999)
- Baltic Sea – Great Lakes: Workshop on Aquatic Invasive Species (April 2004)



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## Model Plans and Guidance

- A Model Comprehensive State Management Plan (1996)
- Model Guidance for Legislation, Regulation and Policy (1999)
- A Model Rapid Response Plan For Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions (2006)



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## Great Lakes Panel Recommendations Submitted to the ANS Task Force

- AIS Taxonomic Expert Data Base (May 2007)
- Funding for ANS State Management Plans (November 2007)
- Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal Aquatic AIS Dispersal Barrier Barrier (January 2007)
- Ballast Water Regulations through Passage of Federal Legislation (February 2008)



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## **Inventories, Databases and Tools**

- AIS Early Detection and Monitoring: A Pilot Project for the Lake Michigan Basin (December 2006)
- AIS Research Guidance and Descriptive Inventory (1998)
- AIS Information/Education (1997)