

Great Lakes Panel
Administrative and Activity Report

Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel
on Aquatic Nuisance Species
April 14-15, 2005
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Great Lakes Panel Staff

Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Senior Project Manager

Marcia Woodburn, Program Specialist

Ted Lawrence, Sea Grant Fellow

GLP Administrative Report

◆ New Members of the Great Lakes Panel

- ✓ Doug Keller: Indiana DNR, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator
- ✓ Jeff Fisher: State Department, Ecology Officer, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
- ✓ Sarah Whitney, Pennsylvania Sea Grant

GLP Administrative Report

- ◆ Great Lakes Commission Staff Changes
 - ✓ Tom Crane, Interim Executive Director
 - ✓ Marcia Woodburn: Program Specialist, Aquatic Invasive Species
 - ✓ Ted Lawrence: Sea Grant Fellow, 2004-2005

GLP Administrative Report

◆ Grant Proposals and Associated Activity Reports

- ✓ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: General operation of the Great Lakes Panel
- ✓ NOAA-Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act: information, education and outreach activities

GLP Administrative Report

◆ Staff Hiring & Training

- ✓ Spring 2004: selection of 2004-2005 Sea Grant Fellow, resulting in appointment of Ted Lawrence
- ✓ Winter 2004: Search for AIS program specialist resulted in hiring of Marcia Woodburn

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◆ Approval of Panel Minutes

GLP Activity Report

- ◆ Great Lakes Panel Document: Organizational Strategy and Guidance on Operations
 - ✓ Series of conference calls (fall/winter) on document with Panel Executive Committee
 - ✓ Working draft produced by staff in early April followed by brief Executive Committee review
 - ✓ Preliminary draft on Organizational Strategy and Guidance on Operations will be presented for Panel discussion today

GLP Activity Report

- ◆ Great Lakes Panel Document: Organizational Strategy and Guidance on Operations
 - ✓ Formal three week review period will be conducted after the Panel meeting
 - ✓ Based on input from Panel members, a second draft will be developed and circulated to Panel by late spring/early summer
 - ✓ It is planned that the document will be finalized by next fall upon approval of the Great Lakes Panel and the national ANS Task Force.

GLP Activity Report

◆ Committee Support

✓ Information/Education

- Emily Finnell led the charge on continued development of I/E Priorities Document through several committee conference calls as supported by Panel staff
- Draft of the IE Priorities document will be discussed for comment today by IE committee

✓ Research Coordination

✓ Policy and Legislation

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◆ *ANS Update*

- ✓ *International Treaty On Ballast Water and Prospects for Domestic Legislation.* Cameron Wilson, Deputy Chief of Staff, Legislative Director: Office of Rep. Vernon Ehlers
- ✓ *The Live Food Fish Industry: New Challenges in Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.* Erin Higbee, 2004 Sussman Fellow, Great Lakes Commission

GLP Activity Report

◆ Meeting participation with GLP staff representation

- ✓ ANS Task Force Meeting: Washington D.C., Nov. 2004
- ✓ International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) Meeting: AIS Regulation and Enforcement Priorities, Indianapolis, IN, December 2004
- ✓ American Fisheries Society Meeting: Regional Perspectives on AIS Issues, Bloomington, IN, March 2005
- ✓ Mid-Atlantic Regional ANS Panel Meeting: Annapolis, April 2005

Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

- ◆ Aquatic Invasive Species Brochure
 - ✓ Detailed outline developed
 - ✓ Preliminary layout established
 - ✓ Ready for review by I/E Committee
 - ✓ Advisory committee will be convened to guide further development on the brochure



Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

◆ ANS Early Detection and Monitoring Project: A Pilot Project for the Lake Michigan Basin

- ✓ **Project Goal:** To develop a set of guidelines and recommendations for a coordinated system to detect and monitor new invasions of nonindigenous aquatic species in the Lake Michigan basin
- ✓ **Product: Survey Summary & Recommendations**
 - 21 recommendations developed based on analysis of survey responses and literature review
 - Draft document was modified/refined based on input received during June 2004 workshop



Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

- ◆ **ANS Early Detection and Monitoring Project:
A Pilot Project for the Lake Michigan Basin**
 - ✓ Final document planned for release by fall of 2005
 - ✓ Circulate recommendations to appropriate monitoring entities
 - ✓ Strategy for outreach and dissemination using Great Lakes Panel committee structure



Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

- ◆ **Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions: Case Study on *Hydrilla verticullata***
 - ✓ **Hydrilla case study development conducted in collaboration with Michigan DEQ**
 - ✓ **Case Study Workshop via teleconference, July 2004**
 - Aspects of local, regional, federal rapid response scenarios
 - Implementation of a rapid response plans within private lakes, Great Lakes, and state and federally controlled waters



Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

◆ Rapid Response Plan for Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions

- ✓ Information from case study workshop will be integrated into the model plan in coordination with Michigan DEQ efforts
- ✓ Rapid Response Plan will be finalized by fall 2005



Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

- ◆ *A Collaborative Approach to Advance Implementation of State Management Plans, by Prevention and Control of Aquatic Nuisance Species in the Great Lakes Region*
- ◆ **Great Lakes Regional Collaboration**
 - ✓ **Staff participated on Recreational Activities Team representing regional interest of the GLP and GLC in the development of the action plan**

Great Lakes Commission AIS Projects

- ◆ U.S. Coast Guard Public Meeting on May 9, 2005:
Ballast Water Management for Vessels Entering the
Great Lakes Declaring No Ballast Onboard
 - ✓ Great Lakes Commission will submit a position
statement in collaboration with the Council of Great
Lakes Governors





Further Information: www.glc.org/ans/panel.html

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