

Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species Spring Meeting

April 27-28, 2010

Maumee Bay State Park, Ohio

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Great Lakes Panel Update

Fall 2009 Meeting December 10-11 Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Meeting featured ballast water initiatives, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and status of Asian Carp control efforts
- Meeting summary and action items available in packets and on the GLP website



Great Lakes Panel Update Action Action Item

GLP Position Statement on a National Ballast Water Discharge Standard

Purpose: A consensus-based document developed by the GLP to identify basic priorities to be pursued in the process of establishing a national ballast water discharge standard in collective efforts to safeguard Great Lakes waters from aquatic invasions.

Status

- Approved by the GLP at the December 2009 meeting
- Submitted to the ANSTF in January 2010 and posted on the GLP website

Great Lakes Panel Update Action Item

GLP Position Statement on Governance Issues Involving the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA)

Purpose: Provide input on the GLWQA renegotiation process.

Statement recommended that:

- AIS be explicitly addressed in the GLWQA
- Meaningful opportunities to participate in the renegotiation process be provided
- The GLWQA governance structure provides a mechanism to coordinate, collaborate, consult and engage with stakeholders in the region working on AIS prevention and control
- Consultation with the national ANS Task Force on the AIS component should also occur during the renegotiation process

Status:

- Circulated to the GLP members for review and approval after Dec. meeting
- Submitted to ANSTF in February

Great Lakes Panel Update Action Item

GLP Position Statement: Professional Responsibility for Reporting of Aquatic Invasive Species

Purpose:

- Establish the position that researchers have an ethical responsibility to report AIS discoveries on an expeditious level
- Acknowledge researchers in their AIS discoveries while expediting management actions for species that pose a threat to the Great Lakes region

Status:

- Presented at fall 2009 meeting for discussion
- Circulated to the GLP members for review after December meeting
- Statement revised with Panel input integrated
- Submission to ANSTF will occur following this meeting

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Great Lakes Panel Update I/E Committee Action Item (in process)

ANSTF Recreational Guidelines

Purpose: Provide a tool for Panel member entities and others to use that promotes consistent messaging to recreational users

Status:

- Originally were developed and approved by GLP in 1996
- Revisited with GLP members in 2009
- Being revised by I/E Committee members to address issues raised by GLP members
- Updated version will be shared with GLP once Committee has finished revision process

Great Lakes Panel Update

Action Item (in process)

Statement of Need for Increased Funding by Regional ANS Panels

- Action item initiated by a recommendation submitted jointly by the Great Lakes Panel and Mississippi River Basin Panel to the ANS Task Force on the need for increased funding (Feb. 2009)
- At the request of the ANSTF, the Great Lakes Panel, along with other regional ANS panels, each submitted a detailed statement of funding needs discussed at the November 2009 ANSTF meeting

Great Lakes Panel Update

Action Item (in process)

Statement of Need for Increased Funding by Regional ANS Panels

ANS Task Force Response: Formal Statement, *ANSTF Regional Panel Budget Needs*

- Funding need for each regional panel assessed at \$1,050,000 in the following areas:
 - Regional Panel administration and coordination
 - Workshops, meetings and travel
 - Projects, grants, research
- Policy Coordination Committee will continue discussion on funding needs to provide further input to the ANS Task Force

Great Lakes Panel Update

Action Item: GLP Election

Election of Panel Officers and At-Large Members

- Ad-hoc nominating committee (including Chair, Vice Chair, Canadian and State Member) was convened to prepare ballot (February 2010)
- Ballot circulated to regular and alternate GLP members at the end of March
- Election Results (drum roll!)

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GLP Election

Election Results: Officers

- **GLP Chair: Phil Moy**, Sea Grant Research, University of Wisconsin
- **GLP Vice Chair: Luke Skinner**, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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GLP Election

Election Results: Committee Chairs

- **Information/Education Committee Chair: Doug Jensen**, Minnesota Sea Grant, At-Large Member
- **Research Coordination Chair: Lindsay Chadderton**, The Nature Conservancy, At-Large Member
- **Policy Coordination Committee Chair: Michael Murray**, National Wildlife Federation, At-Large Member

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GLP Election

Election Results: At Large Members

- **Ted Batterson:** Director, North Central Regional Aquaculture Center, Michigan State University
- **Lindsay Chadderton:** Aquatic Invasive Species Director, The Nature Conservancy – Great Lakes Program & AIS Researcher, Notre Dame
- **Francine MacDonald:** Program Manager/ Invasive Species and Aquatic Biologist, Invading Species Awareness Program, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

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GLP Election

Election Results: At Large Members

- **Craig Middlebrook:** Deputy Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
- **Michael Murray:** Staff Scientist, National Wildlife Federation
- **John Rothlisberger:** Aquatic Ecologist, U.S. Forest Service — Eastern Region

Parting Shots of Our Outgoing Chair Jim Grazio, Pennsylvania DEP

