

## **AGENDA: Grass Carp Ad Hoc Committee**

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**Date:** May 3, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Eastern

**Location:** Park Place Hotel, Traverse City, Lakes Room

**Conference Call:** Dial in: 888-537-7715 // Code: 81271570#

**Meeting Objectives:** Develop a path forward for implementing the Grass Carp Priorities

### **9:00 – 9:15: Introduction - Committee Charge and Membership (Attached)**

### **9:15 – 9:30: Action Items from October 2015**

1. Grass Carp Priorities Document was organized by: 1) Trade, 2) Data Collection and Status, 3) Policy and Coordination, and 4) Information/Education.
2. Grass Carp ad-hoc committee will consider adding the following items to the existing Grass Carp Priorities Document: 1) develop control plans, 2) engage transporters (non-regulatory), and 3) review other potential pathways (baitfish, food industry, water gardening).
3. Grass Carp ad-hoc committee will reach out to missing entities for input (e.g., universities, transporters, pet trade, and food industry).

### **9:30 – 9:45: Great Lakes Panel Recommendations to ANSTF**

A Joint Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Panel Recommendation to the ANSTF: The Mississippi River Basin Panel (MRBP) and Great Lakes Panel (GLP) urge the appropriate federal agencies to implement recommendations #'s 6 – 8 contained in the MICRA report to the USFWS entitled “The use of grass carp in the United States: Production, triploid certification, shipping, regulation, and stocking recommendation for reducing spread throughout the United States”. Specifically, those recommendations are as follows:

6. Modify the scope and Standards of the USFWS National Triploid Grass Carp inspection and Certification Program (NTGCICP), including direct participation of states and Grass Carp distributors.
7. The USFWS should work with states, triploid Grass Carp producers, and other partners to develop defensible ploidy testing procedures for quality control and law enforcement purposes in support of state random inspection programs.
8. Develop and provide information about NTGCICP, Grass Carp regulations, and best management practices for natural resource managers, aquaculturists, and the general public.

Response: The ANSTF co-chairs support these recommendations to the USFWS to expand the National Triploid Grass Carp Inspection and Certification Program and FWS is already moving forward with implementation of all three of these recommendations. A meeting is tentatively planned for 2016 for triploid carp producers, state managers, and other partners.

### **9:45 – 10:30: Updates from the Group**

### **10:30 – 11:00: Next steps – Grass Carp Priorities Document (Attached)**

### **11:00: Adjourn**