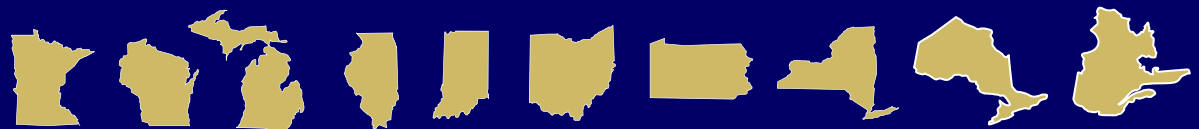




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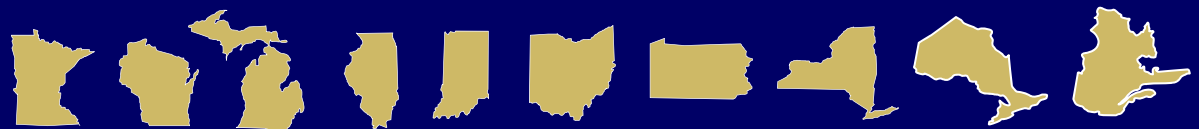
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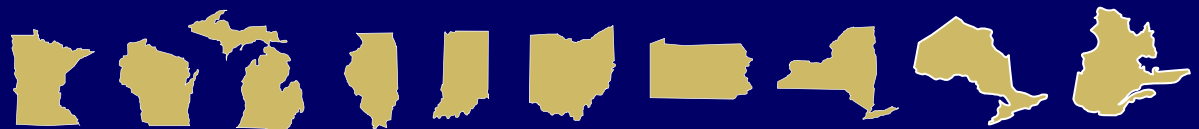
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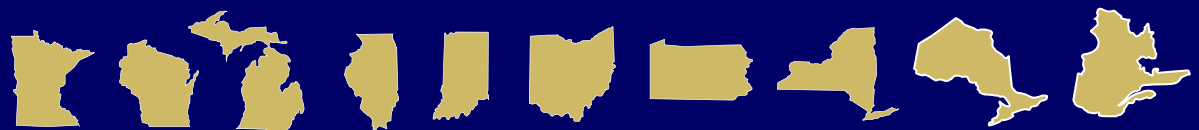
- **160+ in Great Lakes Basin**
  - Zebra / Quagga Mussels
  - Round / Tubenose Goby
- **Economic & Environmental Threat**
  - Billions spent annually
  - Harmful effects to ecosystems and native species
- **Ongoing battle versus high-risk species**





# Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force

- Leverage ongoing State and Provincial work to prevent introduction and spread of AIS
- Identify opportunities for increased regional collaboration
- Advocate for consistent federal strategies and support
- Since 2001





# Task Force Members

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**IL: Kevin Irons, Vic Santucci**

**IN: Eric Fischer, Doug Keller**

**MI: Tammy Newcomb, Sarah LeSage, Matt Preisser**

**MN: Elizabeth Gawryns, Ann Pierce, Jeff Stollenwerk**

**NY: Don Zelazny**

**OH: Rich Carter, John Navarro, Jeff Tyson, Scott Zody**

**ONT: Ala Boyd, Bill Carr, Ranissah Samah**

**PA: John Booser, James Grazio**

**QUE: Isabelle Desjardins, Eve Joseph, Isabelle Simard**

**WI: Steve Galarneau, Susan Sylvester, Bob Wakeman**







# Aquatic Invasive Species Resolution

- **Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin AIS Partnership**
  - Renewed commitment to work together
  - “Least wanted” species list
  - Mutual Aid Agreement

**DONE!**





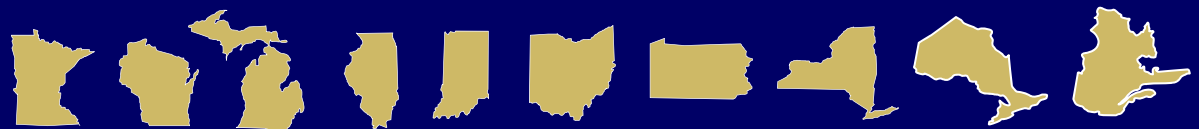
# 2015 Quebec City: Harmonization

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## Pilot: Michigan, Ontario, Ohio

*(Ala Boyd, Francine MacDonald, David Hinz, Tammy Newcomb, Sarah LeSage, Roger Eberhardt, John Navarro, Rich Carter)*

**Vision:** *Prevent the introduction and spread of AIS to Michigan, Ohio and Ontario waters of the Great Lakes basin.*





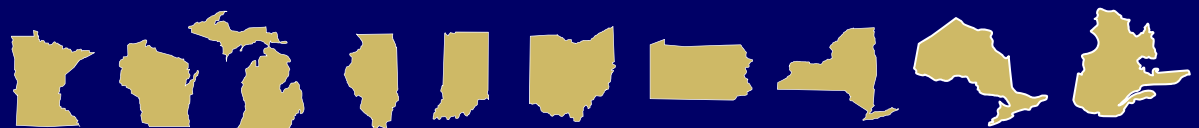


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## Goals and Objectives:

1. Joint pursuit of common principles mutually agreed upon to protect shared waters from AIS.
2. Encourage further cooperative actions to combat AIS.



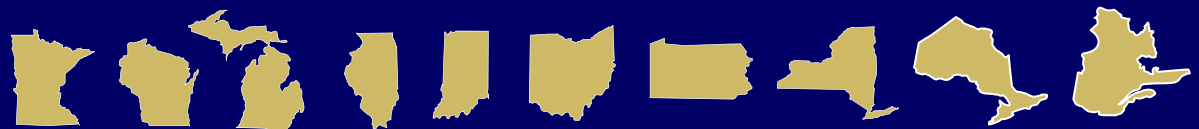


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## Key Principles

1. *Leadership and Coordination*
2. *Risk Analysis*
3. *Early Detection and Response*
4. *Strategic Partnerships*



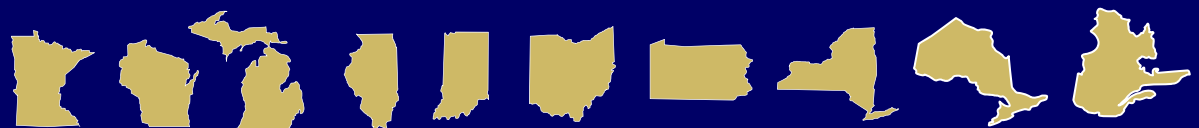


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## Priority “First” Actions

- 1) *Increased collaboration on risk assessment*
- 2) *Build Strategic Partnerships*





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