

Decision and Action Items
Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Specie Meeting
December 4-5, 2012 * Ann Arbor, Michigan
December 11, 2012

Executive Committee

- Joint GLP and ANS Task Force Meeting: The ExCom will work with staff and Susan Mangin, ANSTF Executive Secretary, to plan the joint meeting scheduled for May 7-9, 2013 in Duluth MN. A list of field trip options will be distributed to the GLP for consideration and input.
- Future meetings: The ExCom will take input from the fall meeting on issues for the GLP to address to focus and shape future meeting sessions.
- Committee priorities documents: The ExCom will consider if there is a need to coordinate the three committee priorities documents and if so, how to do that coordination.
- Committee work plans: The committee chairs will work together with staff to develop a format for committee work plans based on the committee priorities documents.

Information/Education Committee

- Recreational activities, water garden and classroom guidelines: Review and provide comment if needed through the Federal Register process (recreational guidelines and water garden) and to the ANSTF (classroom). Develop a statement reflecting committee questions and recommendations on the water garden guidelines related to engagement of the intended audience, terminology and possible “mixed messages” with other guidance documents on the placement of water gardens.
- Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions booklet: Staff will convene a conference call with U.S. Forest Service and Wildlife Forever and other interested parties on moving forward with a second edition of the booklet.

Research Coordination Committee

- Research priorities document: Committee will finalize revised document by the end of January and then distribute to the ANSTF, funding agencies, NOAA Sea Grant, foundations, academic institutions and other potential funders and implementers. The priorities will also be cross-walked with the ANSTF Strategic Plan recommendations. The committee will send a memo to the other committees regarding priorities with a strong policy and information/education focus.
- Priority species list: A subcommittee will be convened to identify the purpose of the list, identify species experts and consider whether the list should be integrated into the committee priorities document.
- Grass carp: A subcommittee will be convened to review the discussion paper, national carp plan and existing efforts to identify whether there are specific research questions for the Great Lakes basin that need to be addressed.

Policy Coordination Committee

- Policy priorities document: Committee members will provide comments on the document by January 1. The document will be finalized and then shared with the ExCom and submitted to the GLP prior to the spring 2013 meeting. Members of the committee will also be reviewing other committee priorities documents for potential overlap.
- Great Lakes regulated species list: Staff will work with the committee to complete an update of the regulated species list which will be distributed to the GLP and interested parties.
- Grass carp: Committee members will review the discussion paper and provide input on management recommendations prior to the spring meeting.