

Decisions and Action Items

Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
May 17-18, 2011
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- **Recreational Guidelines** (GLP Chair, Staff and GLP members):
 - Submit, with a cover letter, the updated recreational guidelines to the ANS Task Force (ANSTF), to include additional guidelines on the aquarium and water garden pathways.
 - GLP members are requested to contact Susan Mangin (ANSTF Executive Secretary) if interested in participating on ANSTF Recreational Activities Guidelines Committee.

- **Recognition of Past GLP Chairs** (GLP Chair and Staff):
 - Send thank you notes to those GLP past chairs who shared their perspectives during the Panel's 20th Anniversary session.

- **I/E Committee** (Committee Chair and Staff)
 - Conduct a follow-up conference call to discuss action items that were covered in the committee meeting, including:
 - Proposal to create an online, revised version of the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* booklet rather than the conventional, hard copy format.
 - Enhanced GLP website that is more interactive in nature, providing an opportunity to expand information-sharing (e.g. management options)
 - Distribute remaining GLAI booklets to states and provinces to newly elected officials; requests for the publication should be directed to Erika (ejensen@glc.org) who is serving as the point of contact for this distribution effort.
 - Explore opportunities for forums that facilitate inter-panel collaboration on:
 - Committee level (teleconference, webinar)
 - Panel level (in-person meetings or webinar sessions on topic(s) of common interest)

- **Research Coordination Committee** (Committee Chair and Staff):
 - Asian Carp Control Strategic Framework (ACCSF): Contact Bill Bolen to determine how the GLP can provide comments on the ACCSF. Then develop and provide comments on the ACCSF to the ANS Task Force.
 - AIS Hot List: Develop a hot list of high risk AIS to inform EDRR (early detection rapid response) research priorities. This effort should be conducted in conjunction with development of GLANSIS (Great Lakes Aquatic Nuisance Species Information Systems).
 - Set up conference call with Rochelle Sturtevant to develop a process for involving the Research Coordination Committee in the prioritization of the high risk species currently included on the GLANSIS.
 - Genomic Sampling Capacity: Develop set of recommendations for the GLP on how to develop basin-wide capacity for laboratory analysis to allow for maximum promotion and use of eDNA monitoring (e.g. Asian carp, bait trade, port surveillance).
 - Ballast Water Collaborative (BCC) Risk Assessment: Assist in facilitating communication between BCC and research scientists on developing a risk assessment for ballast water management for the domestic fleet. Potential topics to support development of the risk assessment include data sources, information needs and data reports, and best management practices.

- Grass Carp Diploid Contamination: Facilitate dialogue and document current efforts to assess level of grass carp diploid contamination in stocks and live food trade. Then coordinate with Upper Mississippi River Basin Panel to determine next steps especially with regard to communication with the states.

- **Policy Coordination Committee** (Committee Chair and Staff):

- Pre-import Screening Letter

- Revise with language suggested during the committee meeting, including a brief statement on the need for pre-import screening.
- Submit to PCC and ExCom for review.
- Disseminate revised version to GLP for review period of 14 working days and incorporate additional comments.
- Submit final draft of the screening letter to the GLP for electronic approval.
- In preparation for submission of the recommendation to the ANS Task Force, conduct teleconference briefing with ANSTF co-chairs at least a month before their fall meeting.
- Submit recommendation with cover letter from the GLP Chair.

- Committee Work Plan

- Finalize with electronic vote by the end of June

- Regional Priorities Document

- Complete work on the PCC's regional priorities document over the summer. Following PCC approval, disseminate to the GLP in the fall

- **Rapid Response on a Multijurisdictional Level** (Staff):

- GLRI Proposal: *A Workshop to Facilitate Multi-jurisdictional Rapid Response*: Report back to the GLP on status of funding for the proposed GLRI rapid response project (the proposal was submitted by the Great Lakes Commission on behalf of the GLP to advance a multijurisdictional approach to rapid response).
- The outcome on proposal funding will determine the GLP's next steps for multijurisdictional rapid response efforts.
- Staff will contact USEPA on any additional funding opportunities for Panel rapid response work, pending GLRI proposal funding outcome.

- **National ANS Task Force Strategic Plan** (Staff and GLP members)

- Report on performance elements under the ANSTF Strategic Plan Progress Report, with input from GLP members. (The ANSTF Strategic Plan Progress Report will serve as the primary source of information for the ANSTF report to Congress and will also feed into a national assessment of invasive species management.)