

**Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
Meeting Decision and Action Items
December 10-11, 2013 * Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Executive Committee

- Planning for spring 2014 meeting: Staff will work with the ExCom to plan the spring 2014 meeting of the GLP which will be held in South Bend, Ind. the week of April 28, 2014.
- Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basin Study (GLMRIS): Staff will work with the ExCom to coordinate any GLP activities that may be planned following the release of the GLMRIS report in January 2014.
- Grass carp priorities and recommendations: The ExCom will continue discussions with the Mississippi River Basin Panel (MRBP) about possible joint recommendations based on work being done within both panels.
 - GLP members will be invited to call in to the MRBP meeting in July 2014 to get an update on the triploid certification program review.
 - Staff will distribute the grass and black carp collection protocols.
- Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) Annex 6 Subcommittee: The ExCom and staff will continue to coordinate with the GLWQA Subcommittee co-chairs, with the GLP Chair and Vice Chair participating as subcommittee members.
 - Other GLP members interested in assisting with the GLWQA Subcommittee should contact the GLP Chair and the Subcommittee co-chairs (Gavin Christie and Todd Turner).

Nominating Committee / GLP Elections

- Prepare list of nominees: The Nominating Committee will, in consultation with the ExCom, prepare a list of candidates eligible for election for the position of, Vice-Chair (Chair elect) as well a slate of those interested and eligible to chair the three standing committees and a list of candidates for at-large membership of the GLP.
- Conduct elections: Staff will prepare a ballot based on input from the Nominating Committee and conduct the vote electronically; newly elected officers and at-large members will take positions at spring 2014 GLP meeting.

Information/Education Committee

- Recreational, water garden and classroom guidelines: When available from the ANS Task Force, distribute final guidelines to GLP members for their use and distribution and post to the GLP website.
- Assessment of outreach activities: Working with the GLWQA Annex 6 Subcommittee co-chairs, craft a request to GLP members and interested parties to provide information about existing outreach products and evaluations to inform GLWQA subcommittee efforts.
- Grass carp: A subgroup of interested committee members will be convened via conference call to consider grass carp related outreach needs and priorities.
- Lake Superior AIS Guide: Committee members will review and provide input to OFAH on the draft Lakes Superior AIS Guide; comments will be accepted through January 2014.

Research Coordination Committee

- Grass carp priorities and recommendations: Finalize research recommendations and priorities for grass carp and incorporate them into the research priorities document.
- Priority species list: Work on the priority species list will focus on
 - Developing clear, objective criteria for why a species makes the priority list
 - Define what is an imminent invader (Tier 1)
 - Harmonize with existing lists and identify the subset of species with high priority regional research needs

- GLMRIS: Review GLMRIS report to identify research priorities and convene a conference call of interested committee members to discuss those priorities. Research needs for the most promising identified options will be discussed and incorporated into the research priorities document.

Policy Coordination Committee

- Policy priorities document: Submit the final document to the ANS Task Force.
- Grass carp priorities and recommendations: Revise management recommendations as discussed at the December meeting; review results of triploid certification program review being conducted by the MRBP before finalizing recommendations.
 - Consider opportunities for improving risk screening processes using species-specific risk assessment models for aquaculture and incorporate those into the recommendations and/or the policy priorities document.