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*Task
Force*

Dedicated to the prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES TASK FORCE UPDATE

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL PANEL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

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Overview of the ANS Task Force

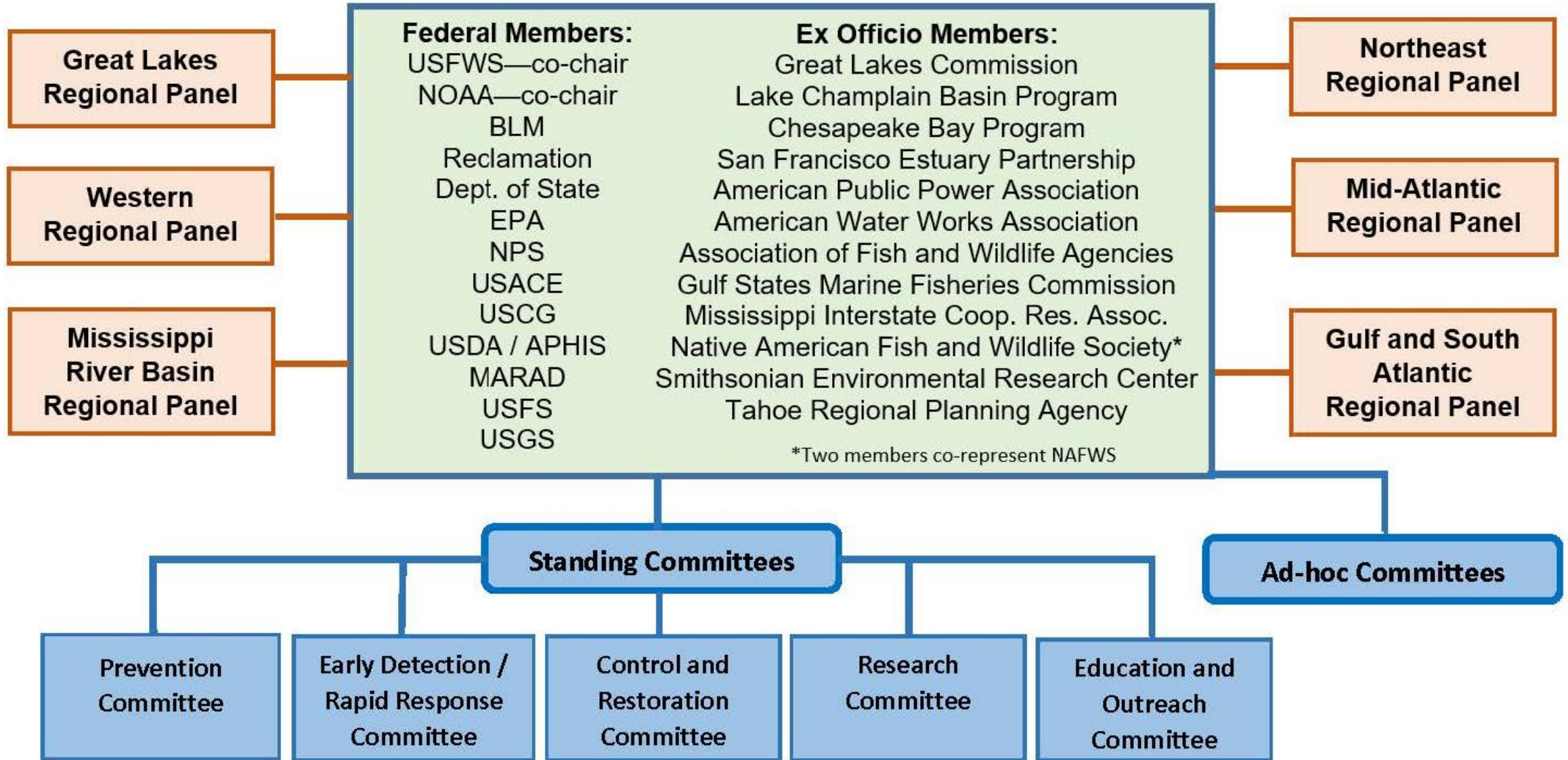
ESTABLISHED by Congress with the passage of NANPCA in 1990 and reauthorized with the passage of the NISA in 1996.

MISSION: Develop and implement a program for waters of the United States to prevent the introduction and dispersal of ANS; to monitor, control and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

STRUCTURE: Composed of 13 Federal, 13 ex-officio members, 6 Regional Panels, 5+ Sub-committees

- The only Federally-mandated intergovernmental organization solely dedicated to preventing and controlling aquatic invasive species.

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Structure



ANS Task Force Meetings

In response to concerns over COVID-19, the Spring meeting scheduled for May 5-7, 2020 was postponed

Next meeting currently scheduled as a virtual meeting on **December 8 –10, 2020**. The agenda will include:

- Updates:
 - DOI Invasive Species Task Force, National Invasive Species Council
 - Asian Carp management, VIDA , and EDRR Framework.
- Two State ANS Management Plans (Indiana and Colorado) will be considered for approval
- The five standing subcommittees: 2020 workplans and proposed work for 2021.

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ANS Task Force National Meeting

December 8-10, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Meeting Dates and Format

The ANS Task Force will hold a virtual meeting December 8 – 10, 2020, from 12pm to 4 pm ET each day. The virtual meeting will be held on Microsoft Teams, with a separate audio-only option.

Registration

Registering will allow us to make sure we have enough space on the call for everyone to participate. The contact information you provide will be used to send you the meeting invite and instructions on how to join.

Please complete the form to [Register](#).

If you have any difficulty accessing the registration form, please contact Susan Pasko, ANS Task Force Executive Secretary (susan_pasko@fws.gov)



[Draft Agenda](#)
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[Federal Register](#)

ANS Task Force Strategic Plan Goals

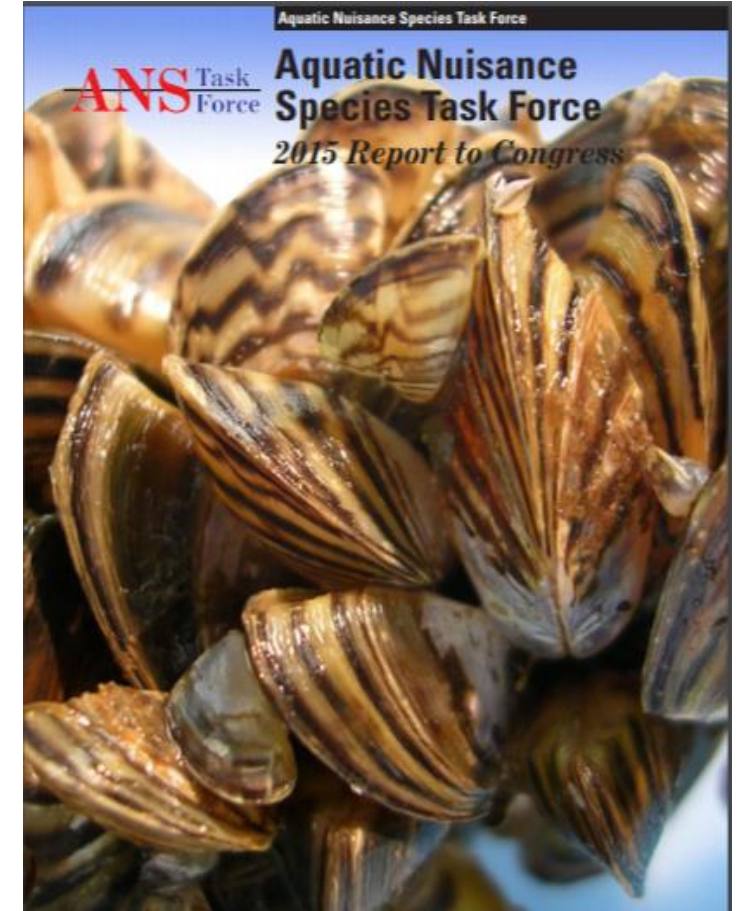
 <p>COORDINATION Coordinate a national ANS program for waters of the United States</p>	 <p>CONTROL & RESTORATION Contain and control established ANS and restore native species and ecosystems</p>
 <p>PREVENTION Prevent the establishment and spread of existing ANS</p>	 <p>RESEARCH Facilitate research on ANS threats, impacts, and controls</p>
 <p>EARLY DETECTION & RAPID RESPONSE Identify and respond to new species detections in a timely manner to prevent their establishment and spread</p>	 <p>OUTREACH & EDUCATION Conduct outreach and education to increase awareness concerning the threats of ANS</p>



Coordination Goal-2020 Work Products



- Develop ANS Task Force bylaws that are consistent with FACA guidelines
- Prepare the next ANS Task Force Report to Congress
- Establish a process for ANS Task Force members to respond to recommendations brought forward by the regional panels
- Continue to provide technical assistance for State and Interstate ANS Management Plan development

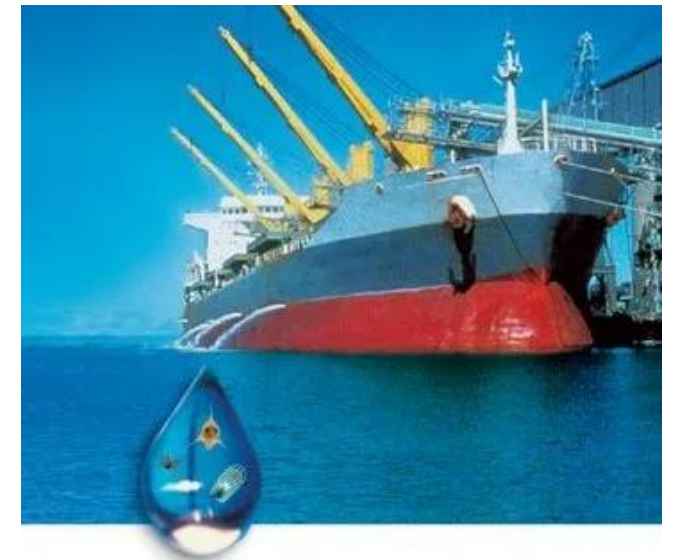




Prevention Subcommittee 2020 Work Products



- Work with Federal agencies to make importation data electronically available and searchable for species imported into the United States
- Enter into national prevention practices with responsible industry sectors that consider invasion risk.
 - NOFO to evaluate the sea plane pathway and AIS risk
- Establish an ad-hoc Committee to evaluate and implement the roles and responsibilities of the ANSTF under the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act





EDRR Subcommittee 2020 Work Products



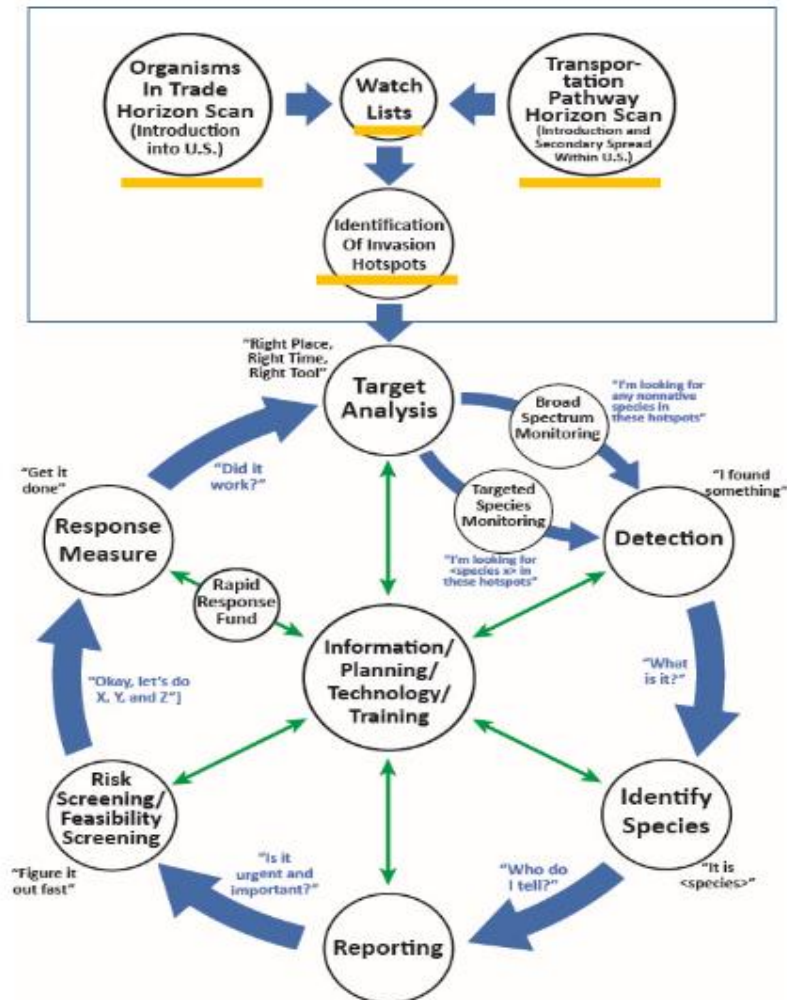
- Assists USGS
 - Develop recommendations for minimal reporting standards for eDNA detections to be incorporated into the USGS NAS database
 - Develop a 3-year plan for capacity-building in NAS to meet stakeholder needs

Assist NISC:

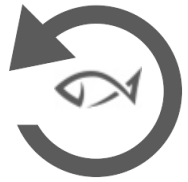
- Develop a report describing where emergency response funds are currently in use

Conducted RR survey among states

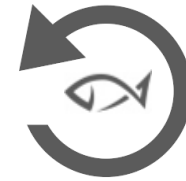
- Evaluate highest priority needs base on NISC paper and survey results.



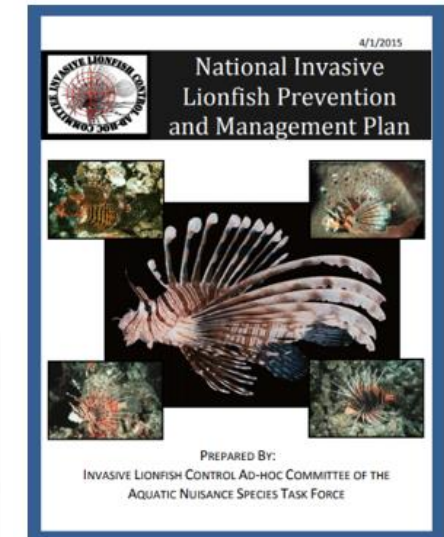
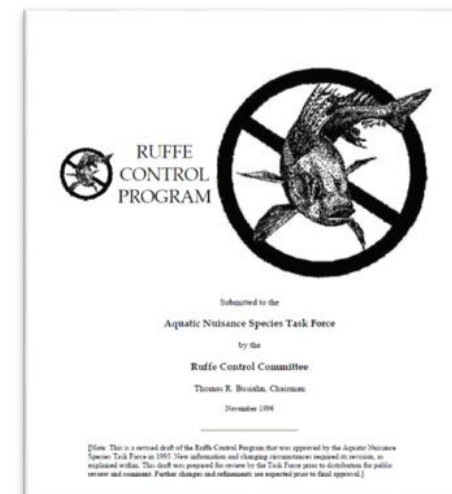
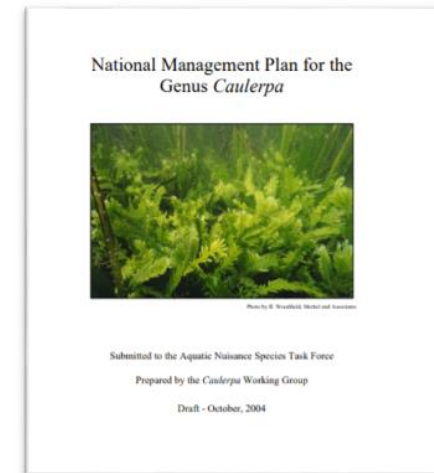
Adapted from Reaser et al 2019. The early detection of and rapid response (EDRR) to invasives. Graphic by Don MacLean, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Control and Restoration Subcommittee 2020 Work Products



- Assess state of each ANS Management and Control Plan, including current activity and management needs
- Draft guidance for ANS Management and Control Plan development
- Survey members and panels for gaps in control and restoration; inform the ANSTF of the gaps for consideration as a future research priority.





Research Subcommittee 2020 Work Products



- Develop an annual priority research list that shows both regional and national priorities.
- Survey members and regional panels for a list of research entities that have the ability to address ANS research needs
- Explore options for obtaining funds to address ANS research needs





Outreach Subcommittee 2020 Work Products



- Conduct an assessment of ANS national campaigns and ANSTF guidelines to evaluate progress of outreach goals and effectiveness in changing behavior
- Finish the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers portal to serve as a clearinghouse for campaign materials
- Develop templates for ANS Task Force messaging and briefings to ensure consistency
- Refresh the subcommittee charge document to use for recruitment



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THANK YOU!

The logo for the ANS Task Force, featuring the letters "ANS" in a large, bold, red font with a black outline and a slight shadow effect.

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