

Great Lakes Panel Meeting Action Items

December 13-14, 2006

Ann Arbor, Mich.

1. The Great Lakes Panel will establish an Ad hoc Committee to populate the ANSTF Expert Database:
<http://www.anstaskforce.gov/experts>
 - Communication will be initiated by staff inviting volunteers to be considered as members whereby selection of members will be made by the Panel Chair with guidance from the Executive Committee with the intent to establish balanced membership.
2. The Panel Chair will communicate with ANSTF regarding a standing CC (copy) list for communicating Panel approved recommendations in an effort to broaden the scope of communication for Panel recommendations to a targeted audience.
3. Approval of Operational Guidance Document along with endorsement of Policy Coordination Committee Guidelines will occur in January of 2007. A final draft of the document is available online at <http://glc.org/ans/panel.html#guide>. Please send any final comments to Tom Crane (tcrane@glc.org) and copy Kathe Glassner-Shwayder (shwayder@glc.org) by January 15, 2007.
4. VHS discussion will be planned for the for next Panel meeting with an effort to bring representatives from the ANS Task Force, U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).
5. For future Panel meetings, a time slot on the agenda will be reserved for discussion of emerging AIS issues to help ensure that the meeting stays on schedule.
6. The minutes from the May (9-10) 2006 meeting will be posted as an approved document on the Panel website when amended based on comments offered at the December meeting.
7. The booklet publication, Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions will be going to press at the end of January, 2007.
8. The Panel approved the 2007 work plan of the Policy Coordination Committee as noted below. The Committee will call upon Panel member involvement in work plan implementation as appropriate.
 - The Great Lakes Panel will establish an Ad hoc Rapid Response Committee based on the recommendations of the Policy Coordination Committee
 - Communication will be initiated by staff inviting volunteers to be considered as members whereby selection of members will be made by the Panel Chair with guidance from the Executive Committee.
 - Develop for Panel consideration communications on the need for comprehensive AIS legislation
 - Develop for Panel consideration communications on the need for stand-alone Asian Carp barrier legislation.