

# Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species

November 28-29, 2007

## Action & Decision Items

### Great Lakes Panel

- **Risk Assessment and Screening:** Staff is requested to investigate how the Panel can maintain involvement in risk assessment/screening (potentially via ad hoc Committee, or other initiatives) to keep momentum going from discussions at the fall meeting.
- **Spring ANS Panel Meeting:** Plans are underway for a joint meeting of the Great Lakes Panel and the Mississippi River Basin Panel
  - Dates: June 17-19, 2008
  - Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
  - Agenda: To be determined through discussion by ExComs of both ANS panels
- **At Large Membership:** It was suggested that staff look for opportunities for representation from industry and the Coastal Management Program to serve on the Great Lakes Panel as at large members.
- **Great Lakes Panel Elections:** With Panel officer terms ending this spring, the ExCom is requested to provide recommendations for a nominating committee for the spring (2008) Panel election. Positions up for election include vice chair, committee chairs of information/education, research coordination and policy coordination. The chair position will be assumed by the current vice chair. Refer to the Panel's Operational Guidance Document (<http://glc.org/ans/documents/07-04-27OpsGuidanceFinal-FINAL.pdf>) for further information on elections.

### Panel Committees

#### I/E Committee

- **Dissemination of Committee Priority Documents:** To facilitate use of the priorities documents developed by each of the Panel Committees, the I/E Committee will develop a list of entities, including funding agencies, for targeted distribution of the documents.
- **List Serves for GLP and Committees:** Staff will develop list-servs for each of the GLP Committees so Panel members can sign up to receive information on committee activities.
- **Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions (GLAI) Booklet**
  - **Survey on Utility of Booklet:** Staff will continue work with the I/E Committee in developing a feedback survey for those who have received copies of the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* (GLAI) booklet to see how this publication is being used.
  - **Website Posting of GLAI Booklet:** Staff will look into the request from the Shedd Aquarium to post the electronic version of the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* (GLAI) booklet on their website, and investigate opportunities to do this with other organizations.
  - **Website Linkages:** Panel members are encouraged to link their agency AIS webpages to the Panel webpage posting the electronic version of the GLAI booklet (<http://glc.org/ans/aquatic-invasions/>).
- **ANS Task Force Expert Database:** The I/E Committee will send out a request to Tier 1 experts included the ANSTF database to gather input on recommended experts to be included in Tier 2. This query should include input on types of experts, other than taxonomic, that should be included in the ANSTF Experts Database Tier 2, with particular attention to establish contacts needed for rapid response planning and implementation.

- **Process Change for Great Lakes Panel Updates:** To add value to the GLP member updates, staff will make the request for the updates at least 30 days before the meeting and post on the Panel webpage for access by members and interested parties prior to the meeting.
- **Tracking Progress on GLP Committee Priorities:** GLC staff will investigate potentially setting up a password-protected "wiki" on which to post GLP Committee priorities and allow Panel members to post activities that are underway in their organizations which relate to those priorities as a way to track progress.
- **Multi-lingual Outreach:** Staff will work with interested committee members on the efforts of other Panels (e.g., the Northeast Regional Panel) translating materials into other languages to reach a broader audience of stakeholders.

#### Research Coordination Committee

- **Research Priority List:** Staff will work with the committee in adding a bullet to the research priority list to cover the following:
  - Development of new tools for risk assessment and screening for organisms in trade to identify species of concern. Refine the accuracy of existing tools; develop probabilistic results and include species already here from the native range.
  - Determine research species attributes to complement development of the tool.
  - Development of future models to consider global climate change.
- **Ballast Water Information Clearinghouse (NBIC):** A letter from the Great Lakes Panel will be sent, via the proper communication procedures, expressing our concern/desire for more timely release of ballast water information documentation from the NBIC by the U.S. Coast Guard. (The NBIC is a joint program of the [Smithsonian Environmental Research Center \(SERC\)](#) and the [United States Coast Guard](#) that collects, analyzes, and interprets data on the ballast water management practices of commercial ships that operate in the waters of the United States.)
- **Regulated Species List:**
  - Research Committee will continue work with Lindsay Chadderton (TNC) as the lead with support from staff to revise, finalize and update periodically, the Prohibited Species List, now to be called the "Regulated" Species List.
  - Research Committee will make revisions to the Priority Species List (add tier designation to Phragmites (1), Northern Snakehead (2) and VHS (1); and delete ranking column.
- **Mission Statement:** Staff will post the newly approved Committee Mission/Goals/Products document to the website.

#### Policy Coordination Committee

- **ANS Task Force Recommendation on Ballast Water Legislation:** The committee will present a draft letter on the need for ballast water legislation to the full Panel for consideration on Friday, November 30, 2007 with a request for comments (recusal if needed) by Friday, December 14, 2007.
- **Priorities Document and Workplan:** Conference calls will be held by the committee to continue work in developing a Committee Priorities document and 5 year work plan that is based on review of the GLRC near-term priorities.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Risk Assessment:** Staff will work with TNC in developing a statement on the purpose and work of a Panel ad hoc committee on Risk Assessment for the Panel ExCom to consider and take next steps.