

**Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
Meeting Decision and Action Items
May 7-8, 2013 * Duluth, Minnesota**

Executive Committee

- Planning for fall 2013 meeting: Staff will work with the ExCom to plan the fall 2013 meeting of the GLP which will be held in Ann Arbor, Mich. GLP should communicate conflicts and dates to avoid to staff.
- Funding for AIS programs: Staff will synthesize the notes from the May meeting AIS program funding session. The ExCom will develop and propose next steps on how the GLP might expand on this discussion and work, including opportunities to report out and/or make recommendations to the national ANS Task Force.

Carry-over from December 2012 meeting:

- Future meetings: The ExCom will continue to use input from the December 2012 meeting on issues for the GLP to address to focus and shape future meeting sessions.
- Committee priorities documents: The ExCom will consider if there is a need to coordinate the three committee priorities documents and if so, how to do that coordination.
- Committee work plans: The committee chairs will work together with staff to develop a format for committee work plans based on the committee priorities documents.

Information/Education Committee

- Outreach to the maritime/shipping community: The committee will explore needs and opportunities develop an outreach campaign targeted to the maritime/shipping community, as recommended in the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.
- Water garden and classroom guidelines: The committee will finalize comments on the water garden and classroom guidelines. These comments will be provided to the ExCom for review and approval prior to submission through the Federal Register process (water garden) and to the ANSTF (classroom).
- Habitattitude work plan: The committee will review and recommend comments on the Habitattitude work plan when it is made available for comment.
- Assessment of outreach activities: The committee will consider and decide on follow-up actions to the proposal made by the GLWQA Annex 6 Subcommittee co-chairs to conduct an assessment of current AIS outreach activities in the Great Lakes region.
- Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions booklet: GLP Members requesting booklets or interested in assisting with updating the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasion* booklet should contact staff.

Research Coordination Committee

- Grass carp priorities and recommendations:
 - Finalize recommendations and priorities related to grass carp with an overarching goal of understanding the status of grass carp populations in the Great Lakes states as well as in Canada and other regions of the U.S., especially the Mississippi and the Northeast regions.
 - Communicate the recommendations on grass carp to the ANS Task Force prior to its fall meeting in 2013.
 - Add grass carp recommendations into the Research Coordination Committee's research priorities document prior to the fall GLP meeting.
- Priority species list:
 - Develop a three-tiered version of the priority species list (using a risk assessment approach) to identify species specific research needs with the top tier being high priority potential invaders to the Great Lakes region.
 - Once complete, distribute list to managers, researchers, research funding agencies and others with the potential to direct future research efforts.

Policy Coordination Committee

- Policy priorities document: The document will be submitted to the GLP for review and final approval. Following approval of the GLP, the document will be submitted to the ANS Task Force. The committee will consider integration of priorities proposed by the Research Coordination Committee.
- Grass carp priorities and recommendations: The committee chair will coordinate with the Research Coordination Committee Chair to clarify objectives and next steps for the Policy Coordination Committee.
- Future meetings: Future meetings of the committee will include an agenda item focused on developing a work plan based on the policy priorities.