NISA Reauthorization and AIS-Related Legislation

Joint MRP & GL Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel Meeting Allegra Cangelosi Northeast-Midwest Institute

NAISA 2007 and its Parts

- Prevention and Management of Vessel-Related Discharges
- Prevention and Management of Discharges from Other Vectors
 - Regional Panels
 - White/Black List
 - Early Detection and Rapid Response
- Species-Specific Titles (e.g. ZM)
- Research Title (All Vectors)
- Authorizations

Vessel Incidental Discharge Act S. 373

- Ship discharges only
- US Coast Guard regulatory lead
 - No Clean Water Act jurisdiction
 - No state permits
 - Limited EPA authority
- States can petition for revised national standard
- Congressional players:
 - Champions: Rubio (FL), Nelson (FL), and Thune (SD)
 - MR Cosponsors: Blunt and McCaskill (MO), Vitter (LA), Boozman and Sullivan (AK), Cochran and Wicker (MS), Cassidy (LA),
 - GL Cosponsors: Casey (PA)

Defending our Great Lakes Act S. 589 /H.R. 1135

- Prevent transfer of invasive species
 - from Miss River to Great Lakes thru CAW
 - Brandon Rd Lock & Dam, S of Chicago
- Focus on Asian Carp, Other GLMRIS-ID'd species
- Authorizes ACOE construction, monitoring
- Congressional champions
 - Miller (MI-10) and Stabenow (MI)
 - No sponsorship from IL or IN delegation

Other GL Bills with ANS Related Provisions

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015
- Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act of 2015
- Great Lakes and Fresh Water Algal Bloom Information Act of 2015