

**Meeting of the
Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species**

*April 27-28, 2010
Maumee Bay State Park, Ohio*

**Action and Decision Items
Final Draft**

Great Lakes Panel (GLP)

- Consider opportunities for GLP assistance (state/provincial members) in advancing AIS control technology testing and approval (e.g., identifying or prioritizing demonstration sites, assisting in approval process for toxicant registration)
- Continue tracking and engaging in the GLWQA renegotiation process, including responding to opportunities to provide input (e.g., upcoming public comment period, ANS Task Force Recommendation)

Executive Committee

- Develop position statement on ecological separation and/or preventing the transfer of Asian carp and other AIS between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins while maintaining key system services (e.g., commercial/recreational transportation, wastewater treatment). The position statement is to be based on recommendations of each of the GLP Committees
- Communicate to the ANSTF on the need for increased GLP and stakeholder engagement in the Asian carp regional coordinating committee and other Asian carp related discussions
- Continue work on maintaining active membership on the Great Lakes Panel:
 - Submit a formal communication to the state of Illinois, in conjunction with Illinois Sea Grant, on the need for representation on the GLP
 - Encourage an increased level of participation from the new Wisconsin representative
- Planning for the fall GLP meeting in Ann Arbor (Dec.8-9, 2010)
- (Staff) Distribute Committee priorities documents, under signature of the GLP Chair and Committee Chairs, as recommended by the Information/Education Committee
- Explore climate change and potential impacts on AIS as theme for future GLP meeting

Information/Education Committee

- Craft letter in support of ecological separation, articulating long term and short term goals
- Submit final recreational guidelines to the full GLP for review and approval; guidelines are designed as general guidance to be adapted for use by specific states and user groups
- (Staff) Continue distribution of the *Great Lakes Aquatic Invasions* (GLAI) booklet, responding to survey requests and targeting state and local officials (e.g., legislators and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative)
- Continue to promote use of the GLP Wiki
- Hold committee conference call during the month of June

Policy Coordination Committee

- Coordinate with other GLP committees in developing a consensus position on Asian carp and the need to prevent the exchange of future AIS between Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins
- Finalize letter/position statement on pre-import screening for potentially invasive species; submit to the full GLP for review and approval
- Finalize committee mission statement and activities
- Complete draft of policy priorities document
- Continue engagement (through staff) in the regional panels funding/budget discussions with the ANSTF

Research Coordination Committee

- Look at developing a research agenda on Asian carp and/or ecological separation, as determined appropriate by the Committee
- Assess relevancy of research priorities document by looking at recently funded projects (do they address identified priorities) and recent RFPs (so they reference the document)
- Engage in and build on work through NOAA and the GLANSIS database to develop a "hot list" of potential new AIS and identify research needs for priority species on that list
- Hold committee conference call at end of May/beginning of June