

## **Regional Panel Recommendation Submission Form**

- To be completed by the Regional Panel -

**Regional Panel(s):** Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species

**Date Submitted:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Recommendation to the ANS Task Force:** *State the recommended action including the following information, as appropriate.*

**What:** Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species recommends full Congressional Appropriation funding for the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Invasive Species Program (GLLCISP).

**Who:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**How:** Full funding recommendation is consistent with authorization for GLLCISP under VIDA (\$50,000,000) as part of the FY2022 U.S. EPA budget request. {bill #}

**Timeline:** Recommend immediate action for FY22 U.S. Congressional Appropriations as part the regular budget package to the U.S. EPA.

**Background Information:** *In applicable, state key facts and pertinent information that has led up to the recommendation.*

Under the 2018 Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA), a Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Invasive Species Program (GLLCISP) was established under the administration of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). This program focuses on a collaborative approach to the prevention, early detection, and response to aquatic nuisance species within the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Systems and is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023. Despite this authorization, funding has not yet been appropriated to U.S. EPA to carry out the activities of GLLCISP. Given the collaborative nature of the program, there is an enthusiastic desire among the Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies, Sea Grant Programs, and commercial interests represented on the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species (GLP) to engage with U.S. EPA on relevant activities through GLLCISP. However, without a funding appropriation, benefits specified in the Act cannot be realized. This funding recommendation is consistent with guidance from the prior 2019 GLLCISP Report to Congress and with pending authorized legislation. As the regional leader on aquatic nuisance species, the Great Lakes Panel on ANS and its members are ready to help develop, support and implement GLLCISP for the protection of the region's environment, recreation, and economies, for communities that depend on the long-term health of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. This recommendation is consistent with Great Lakes Panel priorities and the ANS Task Force's Strategic Plan.

**Link to ANS Task Force Strategic Plan:** *State the goal(s) or objective(s) in the ANS Task Force Strategic Plan that would be supported by the recommendation.*

**Relevant ANS Task Force Strategic Plan goals:** Coordination; Prevention; Early Detection and Repaid Response

- U.S. Congress has laid out eight purposes for GLLCISP that map onto the three ANS Task Force Strategic Plan goals, above.

**Relevant ANS Task Force Strategic Plan objectives:**

1. Coordination – Strengthen the capacity for ANS management at State and regional levels
2. Prevention – Identify priority pathways and species of concern

- 3. Prevention – Encourage implementation of measures to manage high priority pathways and species
- 4. EDRR – Facilitate monitoring efforts to detect and respond to new sightings of ANS
- 5. EDRR – Facilitate the development of capacities to respond rapidly to invasions

**List of Attached Documents or Images (optional):**

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Relevant Federal Member Responses:

Federal Agency Member	Response (e.g., support or concerns)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
Bureau of Land Management	
Bureau of Reclamation	
Department of State	
Environmental Protection Agency	
National Park Service	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	
U.S. Coast Guard	
U.S. Department of Agriculture	
U.S. Department of Transportation	
U.S. Forest Service	
U.S. Geological Survey	

**Final Task Force Resulting Action:**

**Action:** Describe action to be taken and timeline for completion. If the recommended approach from the regional panel is not being implemented, include justification for modification.

**No Action:** *Include justification if no action will be taken.*