

**Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
Discharge of the Risk Assessment Ad Hoc Committee
May 2019**

The Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species (GLP) convened its Risk Assessment Ad Hoc Committee in 2016, with a charge to improve regional species and pathway risk assessment coordination and to develop a scope of work for the development of a risk assessment clearinghouse. Between August 2016 and May 2019, the committee completed work to implement the charge, including:

1. Developing a set of recommendations for development of a risk assessment clearinghouse, presented to and adopted by the GLP (November 2016)
2. Developing a Request for Assistance with specific deliverables to implement the clearinghouse recommendations (April 2017)
3. Identifying a primary group (NOAA GLANSIS) to respond to the Request for Assistance and implement the recommendations with support from the committee (November 2017)
4. Developing additional recommendations and input to guide implementation through NOAA GLANSIS (Ongoing 2018)
 - a. Specific attributes of risk assessments that should be included in the clearinghouse were defined and provided to NOAA GLANSIS as part of this outcome
5. Supporting an Invasive Species Research Associate staff position to populate the risk assessment clearinghouse (February 2019)

As of May 2019, the primary deliverables identified in the Request for Assistance to develop the risk assessment clearinghouse recommendations are complete. Based on this, the committee agreed that its initial charge had been met and made a recommendation to the GLP that the committee be discharged in May 2019. As part of closing discussions, the committee identified the following activities that should be continued to maintain progress on the risk assessment clearinghouse and related committee recommendations:

1. Ongoing operation and maintenance of the risk assessment clearinghouse by NOAA GLANSIS
2. Ongoing incorporation and contribution of new risk assessments into the clearinghouse by NOAA GLANSIS, GLP members and partners
3. Regular reports to the GLP on the status of the clearinghouse and use by NOAA GLANSIS
4. Ongoing, continued discussion of future work by the GLP to build on committee accomplishments, including horizon scanning and regulatory harmonization, potentially under the auspices of other committees

The GLP approved a motion to discharge the Risk Assessment Ad Hoc Committee on May 14, 2019.