

## **Regional Panel Recommendation Submission Form**

- To be completed by the Regional Panel -

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

**Date Submitted:** 10/24/23

**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 that the ANSTF outreach subcommittee consider their Position Statement on Appropriate Communication Messages for a national position on language & naming issues for invasive species communication.

**Who:** ANSTF Outreach Subcommittee

**How:** Subcommittee members review and discuss the position statement to determine the need for a national position, and if so decided, bring the issue to the ANSTF membership and for adoption via the established ANSTF consultation and voting process.

**Timeline:** Request a decision for the subcommittee to determine national need and take next steps by the spring 2024 ANSTF meeting.

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

From the Position Statement:

Preventing the spread of harmful aquatic nuisance species (herein referred to as aquatic invasive species or AIS) is a primary goal of the Great Lakes Panel. It is widely known that the management of these species relies on effective communication and outreach to stakeholders. However, current messaging about invasive species may be undermining management goals.

**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:** Outreach & Education

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

1. Outreach & Education – Evaluate current ANS education and outreach efforts to ensure messaging is consistent and effective

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

Position Statement on Appropriate Communication Messages

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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.

