



Welcome!

Great Lakes Panel Meeting
December 19, 2025 | Virtual



Call to order, roll call



Agenda

All times Eastern

GLP Business Meeting 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- Approval of May 2025 meeting summary
- Review of May 2025 action items
- 2025-2028 GLP work plan
- Committee reports
- Programmatic Updates
- Member updates
- Public comment
- Spring 2026 GLP Meeting
- Adjourn

Approval of May 2025 meeting summary

May 2025 action items report

May 2025
Action Items
Completed:
GLP ExCom

- ✓ Plan the fall 2025 GLP meeting
- ✓ Draft GLP work plan
- ✓ Define relationship with ANSTF
 - Ongoing

May 2025
Action Items
Completed:
Committee
Chairs

- ✓ Review respective pages on the GLP website for updates
- ✓ Work with Committee membership to finalize charges

May 2025 Action Items Completed: GLP Staff

- ✓ Develop and circulate action items, a summary of the meeting and notes from the standing committee meetings
- ✓ Post presentations from the meeting to the GLP website (pending presenter approval): <https://www.glp-panel.org/meetings-admin/past-meetings/>
- ✓ Continue to schedule standing committee sessions during biannual GLP meetings to prevent overlap, allowing committee members to attend multiple committees
- ✓ Draft 2025-2028 GLP work plan and distribute to members for feedback

May 2025 Action Items Completed: GLP Members

- ✓ Provide input on availability for potential fall meeting dates
- ✓ Send fall meeting agenda requests to the ExCom and/or the GLP Coordinator
- ✓ Review and provide comments on fall meeting summary
- ✓ Participate in committee meetings
- ✓ Consider participating in ANS Task Force meetings, especially state representatives

Binational GL AIS Forum Action Items

- ✓ Share GLDIATR summit ideas and next steps for the project with Theresa (tgruninger@glc.org)
- ✓ Reply to inquires from Tori/GLC staff regarding the bait fish industry project before the end of 2025
- ✓ Compile FY26 Interjurisdictional Project ideas that support the advancement of the 2028 – 2028 GLP Work Plan

2025 – 2028 GLP work plan

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- Work plan timeframe aligns with GLRI action plan
- Dedicating time during the meeting GLP to reviewing progress on current work plan priorities
- Proposed priorities
 - Genetic biocontrol
 - Recreational activities
 - Organisms in trade
 - Invasive aquatic plant control prioritization and needs assessment
 - Redesigned GLP website
- Update work plan with refined priorities following this meeting
- Updated deadline to final feedback

Committee Reports

Committee Charge Update

- Final drafts of all three standing committee charges
- Standing committees are likely to finalize charges during the upcoming committee meetings
- Committees will review and update charges every 4 years, or sooner if warranted

OIT Ad Hoc Committee

- ✓ Served as the project team for the regional coordination of outreach and engagement with the bait industry
 - Rescoped industry engagement
 - Conducting interviews with law enforcement and regulatory/management staff (email sent December 1)
 - Responses requested by December 19
- ✓ Participate on the GLDIATR Advisory Committee
- ✓ Provide guidance on OIT state/Tribal Programmatic Analysis
- ✓ Committee charge is being reviewed to ensure it aligns with 2025-2028 GLP work plan
- ✓ Interjurisdictional project brainstorming

Outreach Coordination Committee

- ✓ Committee Charge
 - Completed
- ✓ Interjurisdictional project brainstorming
 - Ongoing, meeting again Jan 2026
- ✓ Promoting new outreach programs/activities through member updates
 - Ongoing
- ✓ Assisting in priority setting for the 2025-2028 GLP Work Plan

Committee charges: OCC work

- Enhanced outreach and communication
 - Coordinate, support and improve ANS science-based outreach and communication based on outcome-based objectives to effect behavior change and aimed at providing consistent messaging across the region
 - Integrate natural resource with social science to enhance existing or new outreach and seek opportunities to evaluate (see more below)
 - Support outreach for new and existing priority pathways of concern
 - Build upon existing outreach programs at a local, state, provincial and regional level to ensure that all pathways of ANS introduction and spread are at least adequately addressed, targeting appropriate at-risk audiences.
 - Support outreach efforts by jurisdictions to manage, control or eradicate, and conduct research on high priority species
 - Support outreach on a regional scale for watchlist species for EDRR

Committee charges: OCC work cont.

- Capacity building and expertise development
 - Improve capacity and expertise in ANS outreach (e.g., meetings, training workshops both online and in-person)
 - Support regional ANS related program evaluations (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods) using evaluation (e.g., formative, process, summative, outcome, impact) to provide baseline and longitudinal data aimed to show progress of how ANS outreach and communications can prevent and slow the spread of ANS
 - Promote best management practices, strategies, methods and approaches (e.g., fundamentals of ANS outreach, community based social marketing, market analyses, information management tools)
 - Promote use of monitoring and tracking report tools (GLANSIS, EDDMaps)
 - Support development of community science to engage and motivate the public to volunteer for various management programs and events

Committee charges: OCC work cont.

- Information dissemination and exchange
 - Provide or support a variety of forums to disseminate information on ANS success stories, progress in ANS prevention and control, issues and related challenges and associated funding needs
 - Ensure wider distribution of ANS information through cost-effective channels (i.e., effective forms of media, press releases, news articles, e-media, social media, traditional print media, events)
 - Support field trips often held in conjunction with the Panel's biannual meetings

Research Coordination Committee

- ✓ Participate in project team for control of est. species project
 - Ongoing
 - Working on the decision support tool model
 - Manuscript for animal control submitted!
- ✓ Committee charge
 - Complete
- ✓ Discussion and brainstorming for new interjurisdictional projects
 - Ongoing, meeting again Jan 2026
 - AIS Response Mapper and Regional Review of Eradication History, & others!
- ✓ Assisting in priority setting for the 2025-2028 GLP Work Plan

Committee charges: RCC work

- Inform the development of effective, ecologically sound, and socially acceptable genetic biocontrol tools for aquatic invasive species. Research should aim to help Great Lakes communities understand the potential benefits and risks of genetic biocontrol and to shape future tool development, outreach, engagement, and policy decisions. This includes;
 - Assessing the current state of knowledge around AIS genetic control technologies;
 - Identifying ecological and sociological research gaps that could guide appropriate tool development;
 - Promote and facilitate research that will advance development of genetic control tools.
- Advance control of established priority Aquatic Invasive Species
 - Complete the Invasive Animal Control Tool Research Agenda
 - Promote and facilitate priority research needs identified in the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Animal Control Tool Research Agenda
- Promote and facilitate natural and social science research into understanding the risk of spread of ANS through novel recreational pathways (i.e. duck hunting pathways, off-road vehicles) and to identify effective strategies to modify risky behaviors and prevent ANS introductions into novel waters through these pathways.

Committee charges: RCC work cont.

- Address the knowledge gap of ANS early detection and rapid response (EDRR) in inland and urban ponds and streams (including, identification and prioritization of high-risk sites and research needs identified in the “Best practice guidance for early detection of invasive aquatic plants in inland lakes” technical document)
- Promote and facilitate research regarding the tradeoffs (risk and benefits) of canal and barrier removals
- Support and promote studies on climate impacts on critical ANS pathways, and implications for ANS spread and surveillance
- Document and map regionally applicable ANS response success stories and work with Outreach Coordination Committee to showcase regional ANS response efforts and success stories
- Promote and facilitate research into the potential economic impact of critical or emerging ANS, introduction pathways, and management actions

Management Coordination Committee

- ✓ Committee Charge/ scoping
Committee focus
 - Finalized
- ✓ Exploring grass carp joint
committee with MRBP
 - Ongoing
- ✓ Comparative analysis of
species watchlists
 - Ongoing
- ✓ Discussion and brainstorming
for new interjurisdictional
projects
 - Ongoing

Committee charges: MCC work

Priority topics

- Harmonization of genetic biocontrol efforts for invasive species
- Interstate watercraft pathway concerns specific to invasive golden, quagga, and zebra mussel spread
- Novel pathways of spread
 - E.g., zebra mussels via moss balls
- Improve/facilitate biosecurity efforts between jurisdictions
 - Reduce risk of spread through increased coordination
- Continue communication/relationship with GLFC Law Enforcement Committee
- Climate change and the intersection with ANS
- Range expansion of species with limited distribution in the Great Lakes basin
 - What constitutes high-risk/major range expansion?
- Refinement of regional-scale watch list species for early detection and rapid response
 - i.e., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional surveillance list, Interstate Early Detection and Rapid Response regional surveillance list, GLANSIS lists

Adopting Standing Committee Charges

Break until 10:40 a.m. ET

Programmatic Updates

GLP Member announcements and updates

Public Comment

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See you in 2026!