

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task
Force

3b. GSA Committee No.

6

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 03/28/2022 03/28/2024

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

16 U.S.C. 4701 et. seq.

13. Effective Date

11/29/1990

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Start

End

The Task Force meeting included several sessions, including informational updates from the U.S. Geological Survey, National Invasive Species Council, Aquatic Invasive Species Commission, and the five standing subcommittees of the ANS Task Force.

There were also informational presentations and discussion focused on risk assessments for water access points and the seaplane pathway, Prussian carp research, marine and island biosecurity, invasive species nomenclature, the National Early Detection Rapid Response Framework, and the National eDNA Strategy.

01/24/2024 - 01/25/2024

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force is the only federally mandated intergovernmental

organization solely dedicated to preventing and controlling ANS (also known as aquatic invasive species, or AIS). The ANS Task Force strives to create opportunities and synergies among members and participants by sharing resources, expertise, and ideas across agency and organizational lines. Consistent with its authorizing legislation (the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, or NANPCA) , the ANS Task Force Federal and ex-officio members develop recommendations and products (e.g., management plans, guidance documents, outreach materials) to prevent and manage AIS for use by Federal agencies with AIS responsibilities. The ANS Task Force also promotes its national public awareness campaigns (Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! and Habitattitude) and assists in the development and implementation of State or interstate ANS management plans (46 plans have been approved through FY 2023) and species-specific management/control plans (10 have been approved through FY 2023). These campaigns and plans are central to many Federal government field activities. The ANS Task Force works in conjunction with six regional ANS panels and issue-specific committees to provide a national and regional infrastructure, which continuously coordinates on important ANS issues at Federal, state, and local levels.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The ANS Task Force continues to have a balanced membership with 13 Federal members and 13 ex-officio members (including current vacancies) representing non-Federal entities. Task Force membership reflects a spectrum of interests impacted by or involved in responding to AIS or affected by the NANPCA. These interests

include: fish, wildlife, and other natural resource protection; management and development; environmental protection; agriculture; aquaculture; shipping; recreation; electric power; water supply; Great Lakes and other regional interests.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The ANS Task Force typically holds meetings two times per year . Meeting agendas for the ANS Task Force are constructed to address priority and/or emerging issues with the intent of informing the ANS Task Force members and allowing them to determine if action is warranted. Consideration is also given to recommendations from its members, regional panels, invited guests, and the public. ANS Task Force decisions are generally reached by consensus and are made at the public meetings, or, when necessary, through publicly announced webinars. The January 2023 meeting was the first in-person meeting held since the COVID pandemic. Many are still choosing to participate remotely, resulting in lower travel and meeting costs than historically recorded for in-person meetings. The July meeting was held virtually, as an in-person meeting is scheduled for later in the fall of 2023.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

AIS issues are significant in their breadth and scope, as this area involves all taxa of life and threatens natural ecosystems around the globe. A variety of pathways are capable of transporting species into new environments, including ballast water and hulls of ships, materials associated with organisms in trade, importation of fruits and vegetables, and the international movement of people. Furthermore, multiple efforts are

necessary to encompass the various components of ANS management, including prevention, monitoring, removal, restoration, research, and education. Accordingly, management of AIS must occur at a variety of levels and resources must be allocated in a manner that minimizes duplication of efforts. A coordinated effort by all levels of government that includes other interested/impacted parties is essential. The ANS Task Force provides a leadership, advisory, and coordination mechanism at the Federal level, gathering regional, State, Tribal, and local input that assists in the effective implementation of the NANPCA. The ANS Task Force is unique in that it is the only legislatively mandated intergovernmental organization solely dedicated to preventing and controlling ANS.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings and webinars are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Federal members and ex-officio members of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force who are statutorily designated (the Great Lakes Commission, the Lake Champlain Basin Program, the Chesapeake Bay Program, and the San Francisco Bay Estuary Program) do not have a fixed term of service other than the dates of the charter. Ex-officio members who are not statutorily designated are appointed for 2-year terms. In accordance with 16 U.S.C. 4721(b)(1) to (6) and the ANS Task Force charter, each Federal agency appoints its own representatives to the ANS Task Force. The co-chairs (Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) may invite state agencies and other governmental entities to recommend

individuals to serve as ex-officio members. Note:
In the section listing committee members, Federal and ex-officio members who are statutorily mandated (and thus have no fixed term of appointment) have been given an "Appointment End Date" that matches the "Expected Renewal Date" for the charter. The appointment dates for ex-officio members who hold 2-year terms initially reflect their first term; once they go beyond their first term, the appointment dates reflect their total time as part of the ANS Task Force.

Designated Federal Officer

Susan Pasko Executive Secretary, Aquatic
Nuisance Species Task Force

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bogenschutz, Kim	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member
Bourgeois, Robert	04/28/2023	04/28/2025	Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resources Association	Ex Officio Member
Brothen, Tonya	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	U.S. Department of State	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Crossland, Jeremy	02/01/2022	03/28/2024	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Darling, John	10/20/2010	03/28/2024	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ielmini, Mike	10/28/2008	03/28/2024	USDA Forest Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Jensen, Erika	02/11/2013	03/28/2024	Great Lakes Commission	Ex Officio Member

Jepsen, Sharmila	02/28/2023	03/28/2024	Bureau of Land Management	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Junemann, Carolyn	08/31/2005	03/28/2024	U.S. Department of Transportation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Kocovsky, Patrick	07/14/2022	03/28/2024	U.S Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lee, Deborah	01/10/2021	03/28/2024	NOAA	Ex Officio Member
Lewandowski, Mark	08/31/2015	03/28/2024	Chesapeake Bay Program	Ex Officio Member
McDowell, Karen	10/28/2008	03/28/2024	San Francisco Estuary Partnership	Ex Officio Member
Miko, David	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Ex Officio Member
Minton, Mark	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center	Ex Officio Member
Modley, Meg	11/01/2009	03/28/2024	Lake Champlain Basin Program	Ex Officio Member
Morris, John	08/31/2015	03/28/2024	U.S. Coast Guard	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ripley, Mike	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority	Ex Officio Member
Robertson, Charles	04/28/2023	04/28/2025	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission	Ex Officio Member
Sauvajot, Raymond	08/31/2015	03/28/2024	National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Simon, Samantha	05/04/2020	03/28/2024	Department of Agriculture	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Trujillo, Jolene	07/14/2016	03/28/2024	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Weinstock, Andrew	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	American Public Power Association	Ex Officio Member
Zabaglo, Dennis	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Ex Officio Member
Adler, Shelby [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	Ex Officio Member
Akmajian, Adrienne [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Makah Tribe	Ex Officio Member
Blakeslee, April [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	East Carolina University	Ex Officio Member
Blano, Cesar [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Boos, Tom [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Ex Officio Member
Chan, Samuel [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Extension Services, Oregon State University	Ex Officio Member
Counihan, Tim [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	U.S. Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Dukette, Kate [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Arizona Game and Fish Department	Ex Officio Member
Fernandez, Linda [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Virginia Commonwealth University	Ex Officio Member
Geist, Jeremy [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Trout Unlimited	Ex Officio Member
Grason, Emily [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Washington Sea Grant	Ex Officio Member
Grosholz, Ted [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	U.C. Davis	Ex Officio Member
Jensen, Thomas [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Ex Officio Member
Juhasz, Christy [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Ex Officio Member

Kretlow, Amy [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources	Ex Officio Member
Leonard, Joshua [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Wyoming Game and Fish Department	Ex Officio Member
Maclean, Don [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	03/28/2024	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McDonald, Sean [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	University of Washington Minnesota Department of Natural Resources;	Ex Officio Member
Montz, Gary [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Division of Ecological and Water Resources	Ex Officio Member
Morningstar, Cayla [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Phillips, Stephens [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	Ex Officio Member
Pleus, Allen [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Ex Officio Member
Poirier, Jen [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ruiz, Greg [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center	Ex Officio Member
Rumrill, Steve [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife	Ex Officio Member
Russell, Robert [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Maine Dept. of Natural Resources	Ex Officio Member
Shemai, Barak [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sherman, Kate [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	Ex Officio Member

Starkhouse, Ben [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Lummi Nation	Ex Officio Member
Straub, Jim [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	06/01/2023	03/28/2024	Department of Conservation and Recreation, Lakes and Ponds Program	Ex Officio Member
Tank, Sam [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Great Lakes Commission	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Tepolt, Carolyn [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute	Ex Officio Member
Therriault, Tom [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Ex Officio Member
Thom, Theresa [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Tiegs, Scott [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Oakland University	Ex Officio Member
Volkoff, Martha [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Ex Officio Member
Voss, Ellen [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	River Alliance of Wisconsin	Ex Officio Member
Winters, Genelle [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Metlakatla Indian Community	Ex Officio Member
Wolf, Skylar [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources	Ex Officio Member
Zajicek, Paul [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	National Aquaculture Association	Representative Member
de Rivera, Catherine [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Portland State University	Ex Officio Member
Brown, Elizabeth [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	North American Invasive Species Association	Ex Officio Member
Burgiel, Stas [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	National Invasive Species Council	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Campbell, Tim [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute	Ex Officio Member

Daniel, Wes [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	US Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
DiCianna, Debra [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	Lake Carriers' Association	Ex Officio Member
Gambill, Haley [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	Louisiana Sea Grant	Ex Officio Member
Kreeger, Jared [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	NOAA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Krieger, Joseph [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	NOAA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pennington, Kelly [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	Ex Officio Member
Phillips, Stephen [Coordination Subcommittee]	08/01/2023	03/28/2024	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission	Ex Officio Member
Alexander, Kristina [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Texas A&M University	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Andreozzi, Phillip [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Department of Agriculture	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Bohaty, Chelsea [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Creekmore, Lynn [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/21/2020	03/28/2024	U.S. Department of Agriculture - APHIS	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Dean, Emily [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Elwell, Leah [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Invasive Species Action Network	Ex Officio Member

Lane, Jon [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
LeSage, Sarah [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Michigan Department of Environment	Ex Officio Member
Martin, Craig [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	U.S Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McMellen Brannigan, Angela [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	National Invasive Species Council	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Scott [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Bureau of Land Management	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Savignano, Dolores [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	03/28/2024	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Schmidt, Michael [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Smith, Hilary [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Department of the Interior	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sturtevant, Rochelle [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	NOAA Sea Grant	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Tam, Cindy [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	03/28/2024	U.S. Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Whitsel, Tara [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Woolf, Tom [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks	Ex Officio Member
Wulschleger, John [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Burnside, Zack [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Wildlife Forever	Ex Officio Member
Carney, Jenny [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Smithsonian Institute	Ex Officio Member
Hitzroth, Greg [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Illinois Indiana Sea Grant	Ex Officio Member
Huinker, Dane [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Wildlife Forever	Ex Officio Member
Jensen, Doug [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Minnesota Sea Grant	Ex Officio Member
Keating, Alana [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	Boats US	Ex Officio Member
Lower, El [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	NOAA SeaGrant	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lower, El [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	NOAA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McGarrity, Monica [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	03/28/2022	03/28/2024	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Ex Officio Member
Tremblay, Michelle [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Naturesource Communications	Ex Officio Member
Weibert, Ceci [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Great Lakes Commission	Ex Officio Member
Brinkman, Ashley [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Pet Advocacy Network	Ex Officio Member
Cute, Kevin [Prevention Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council	Ex Officio Member
Freeze, Mike [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Keo Fish Farm	Ex Officio Member
Hill, Jeff [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	University of Florida, Tropical Aquaculture Lab	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Meyers, Marshall [Prevention Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Attorney at N. Marshall Meyers, PLLC	Ex Officio Member

Parr, Michael [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	State of Kansas	Ex Officio Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pfingsten, Ian [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Geological Survey	Ex Officio Member
Reed, Emily [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Virginia Tech	Ex Officio Member
Regelbrugge, Craig [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	American Horticulture	Ex Officio Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Sommers, Kristen [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stahr, kristopher [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stebbins, Summer [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station	Ex Officio Member
Winningham, Kelly [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	State of Arkansas	Ex Officio Member
Wixted, Kerry [Prevention Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member
Bugbee, Greg [Research Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	Connecticut Department of Environmental Science and Forestry	Ex Officio Member
Falk, Bryan [Research Subcommittee]	10/03/2022	03/28/2024	National Invasive Species Council	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Wong, David [Research Subcommittee]	01/15/2020	03/28/2024	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection	Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 122

Narrative Description

Consistent with the requirements of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (NANCPA), the ANS Task Force helps the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) support and fulfill its mission by focusing on AIS issues through

coordination with many other affected entities at the Federal, regional, State, Tribal, and local levels. The ANS Task Force helps the Service to develop, approve, and implement the overall AIS Program as well as its projects and activities. The ANS Task Force is a focal point for information about AIS activities to prevent their introduction into and spread within North America, and efforts to control them. It encourages and facilitates cooperative efforts to address nationally significant ANS problems and concerns.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Under NANCPA, the ANS Task Force is the only multimember organization legislatively mandated to coordinate AIS activities on a national scale. The ANSTF continues to promote its national awareness campaigns, Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! and Habitattitude. A primary role of the ANSTF is to support the development and implementation of State/interstate ANS management plans and 10 species management and control plans, including the Zebra Quagga Action Plan for Western Waters.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

The coordinating mechanism provided by the ANS Task Force has helped avoid duplicative efforts and their associated costs, as well as leverage available resources at many levels (Federal, State, Tribal, and local). Estimating the avoided costs of unperformed activities is not feasible.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

163

Number of Recommendations Comments

At the January 2023 meeting, there were four recommendations: 1. The ANS Task Force recommended that the Prevention Subcommittee distribute the “Decontaminating Firefighting Equipment to Reduce the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species” to Task Force members and regional panels and after assessing comments received, provide recommendations regarding adoption of the protocol at the next ANSTF meeting. 2. The ANS Task Force recommended that the Rapid Response Fund Working Group distribute the “Model Process for a Rapid Response Fund” document to ANSTF members and regional panels for comments and after assessing comments received, present a final document for approval consideration at the next meeting. 3. The ANS Task Force recommended that the Outreach Subcommittee consider options to develop a single online national resource similar to “Protect the West” for communicating watercraft inspection and decontamination requirements, procedures, and state program contacts. 4. The ANS Task Force recommended the establishment of an ad-hoc subcommittee to determine the financial impacts to state and territories from limitations on motorboat registration fees as presented by the U.S. Coast Guard guidance letter. At the July 2023 meeting, there were four recommendations: 1) The ANS Task Force recommended the document “Decontamination Firefighting Equipment to Reduce the Spread of AIS: How to Guide” to be used as a national voluntary guidance document. 2) The ANS Task Force recommended establishment of a working group to respond to the report requested by the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022. 3) The ANS Task Force recommended the National European Green Crab Management and Control Plan be posted in the Federal Register for public comment. 4) The ANS Task Force recommended

approval of the Model Process for a Rapid Response Fund for Aquatic Invasive Species.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

97%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

While not every operational aspect of the approved plans and protocols have been implemented due to resource constraints, these are all ongoing activities that relate to the plans' implementation. Funding has been provided in FY 23 to support ANS Task Force-approved state/interstate ANS Management Plans and to support select ANSTF-approved species management and control plans. Subcommittees meet virtually on a regular basis to implement annual work plans that advance the priority goals and actions within the ANS Task Force Strategic Plan.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

3%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Development of the U.S. Coast Guard Report to Congress described under the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act has been delayed until the the rule describing the new ballast water standards is finalized.; an update was given at the January 2023 meeting. Some efforts to address recommendations are in progress, but not yet completed, including conversations with the watercraft industry to develop a communication strategy, collecting information to enhance the experts database, and continuing conversations on how the ANSTF can best assist with the financial impacts to state and territories from limitations on motorboat registration fees as presented by the U.S. Coast Guard guidance letter.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is provided through the semi-annual ANSTF meetings (or webinars), as well as via frequent telephone and email communications from the DFO to the members between meetings. The DFO also maintains a committee website, listserve, and weekly communications newsletter.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed legislation based on ANS Task Force recommendations, and the Service's program priorities, resource allocations, grant approval, and regulatory efforts have been directly influenced by the Task Force's recommendations. Projects in the field are focused on implementing ANS Task Force recommendations. In FY 2023, funding was provided to support implementation of 44 approved state/interstate ANS management plans.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

The committee does not review grant applications; however, recommendations from the ANS Task Force are factored in during grant processes.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A