

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

6

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

01/10/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/10/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 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 Meetings 3 17b. Closed Meetings 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings 0 17d. Total Meetings 3

### Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Teleconference to discuss edits made to the draft Strategic Plan for 2020-2015	10/15/2018	- 10/15/2018
Fall ANSTF Meeting	12/12/2018	- 12/13/2018
Spring ANSTF meeting	05/08/2019	- 05/09/2019

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$90,000.00	\$91,000.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$307,000.00	\$308,000.00
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	\$27,000.00	\$28,000.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
18d. Total	\$434,000.00	\$439,000.00

## **19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)**

2.00

2.00

### **20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The 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 ANSTF 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 (44 plans have been approved through FY 2019) and species-specific management/control plans (10 have been approved through FY 2019). 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 14 ex-officio members representing non-Federal entities. Task Force membership reflects a spectrum of interests impacted by or involved in responding to ANS or affected by the NANCPA. These interests include: fish, wildlife, and other natural resource protection; management and development; environmental protection; agriculture; aquaculture; shipping; recreation; Native Americans; 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 (Spring and Fall). 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.

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

ANS 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 ANS 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 (ANS) 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 3-year terms. In accordance with 16 U.S.C. 4721(b)(1) to (6) and the ANSTF charter, each Federal agency appoints its own representatives to the ANSTF. The co-chairs (Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) 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 3-year terms initially reflect their first term; once they go beyond their first 3-year term, the appointment dates reflect their total time as part of the ANSTF.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Susan Pasko Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Ballard, James	04/20/2007	05/17/2019	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission	Ex Officio Member
Bogenschutz, Kim	10/28/2008	02/05/2022	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	Ex Officio Member
Bolen, Bill	10/20/2010	01/20/2020	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Canaday, Brian	02/05/2019	02/05/2022	Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resources Association	Ex Officio Member
Carter, Michael	08/31/2005	01/20/2020	U.S. Department of Transportation (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Cofrancesco, Al	05/01/2004	01/20/2020	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Conover, Greg	05/17/2016	05/17/2019	Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (Alternate)	Ex Officio Member
Creekmore, Lynn	09/25/2014	01/20/2020	USDA APHIS	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Darling, John	10/20/2010	01/20/2020	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davidson, Ian	07/14/2016	07/14/2019	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center	Ex Officio Member
Dekam, John	07/14/2016	02/05/2022	American Water Works Association	Ex Officio Member
Hoskins, David	07/17/2013	01/20/2020	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hu, David	10/01/2016	01/10/2020	Bureau of Land Management (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ielmini, Mike	10/28/2008	01/10/2020	USDA Forest Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Jensen, Erika	02/11/2013	01/20/2020	Great Lakes Commission	Ex Officio Member
Junemann, Carolyn	08/31/2005	01/20/2020	U.S. Department of Transportation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lewandowski, Mark	08/31/2015	01/20/2020	Chesapeake Bay Program	Ex Officio Member
Lukens, Jennifer	07/14/2016	01/20/2020	NOAA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
McDowell, Karin	10/28/2008	01/20/2020	San Francisco Estuary Partnership	Ex Officio Member
Modley, Meg	11/01/2009	01/20/2020	Lake Champlain Basin Program	Ex Officio Member
Morris, John	08/31/2015	01/20/2020	U.S. Coast Guard	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Nelson, Linda	05/01/2004	01/20/2020	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
O'Meara, Scott	07/14/2016	01/10/2020	Bureau of Reclamation (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Phelps, Elizabeth	07/14/2016	01/10/2020	U.S. Department of State	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ripley, Mike	05/01/2004	05/17/2019	Native American Fish and Wildlife Society	Ex Officio Member
Ruiz, Greg	07/14/2016	07/14/2019	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (Alternate)	Ex Officio Member
Sauvajot, Raymond	08/31/2015	01/10/2020	National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Shinen, Jennifer	11/09/2012	01/10/2020	U.S. Department of State (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Tam, Cindy	11/14/2012	01/10/2020	U.S. Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Trujillo, Jolene	07/14/2016	01/10/2020	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Vehmas, Lisa	07/14/2016	01/10/2020	Bureau of Reclamation (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Weinstock, Andrew	02/05/2019	02/05/2022	American Public Power Association	Ex Officio Member

Wullschleger, John	08/31/2015 01/10/2020	National Park Service (Alternate)	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Conover, Greg Conover [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resources Association	Ex Officio Member
Maclean, Don [Control and Restoration Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Darling, John [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	Environmental Protection Agency	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davis, Jeanette [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Savignano, Dolores [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Tam, Cindy [Early Detection/Rapid Response Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	U.S. Geological Survey	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davis, Jeanette [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Pasko, Susan [Education and Outreach Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Martin, Craig [Prevention Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Wullschleger, John [Prevention Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Davis, Jeanette [Research Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Rothlisberger, John [Research Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	U.S. Forest Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Wullschleger, John [Research Subcommittee]	09/16/2019	National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 46**

### **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 ANS 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 ANS Program as well as its projects and activities. The ANS Task Force is a focal point for information about ANS, 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



- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

Under NANCPA, the ANS Task Force is the only multimember organization legislatively mandated to coordinate ANS activities on a national scale. The ANSTF has refreshed the brand standards and website of its Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! campaign, and is currently working to expand the website to include an interactive portal for partners to share outreach materials. 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
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

The coordinating mechanism provided by the ANSTF 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?**

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

For FY 2019, there were a total of seven recommendations: 1.Recommended approval of the ANS Task Force Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. 2.Recommended the formation of 5 subcommittees that align with and will work to progress the goals within the new Strategic Plan. 3.Recommended formation of Goal subcommittees to refine and prioritize strategies within the draft Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. 4.Recommended approval of the ANS Task Force Report to Congress for 2016-2017. 5.Recommended approval of the revised Wisconsin State ANS Management Plan. 6.Recommended that the Western Regional Panel propose an approach to updates and potential expansion of the Quagga Zebra Action Plan. 7.Recommended the ANS Task Force review the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) to identify ANS Task Force roles and responsibilities and report back at the Fall 2019 ANS Task Force meeting.

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

96%

### **% 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 this FY to support ANSTF-approved state/interstate ANS Management Plans and support select ANSTF-approved species management and control plans.

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

4%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Although the ANSTF approved both the Report to Congress and Strategic Plan in FY 19; both must go through Departmental review before they are finalized. In addition, the Report to Congress must be reviewed by OMB before it can be transmitted to Congress. The ANSTF co-chairs, along with the U.S. Coast Guard and EPA are currently reviewing the VIDA legislation and will provide a report out at the November 2019 meeting.

**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, listserv, 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

While no new legislation has been proposed by the Service as a result of ANS Task Force recommendations, ANS program priorities, resource allocations, grant approval, and regulatory efforts are directly influenced by the recommendations. Field level projects are focused on implementing recommendations contained in the ANS Task Force-approved management/control plans and guidelines, and Service funds are allocated to support implementation of state/interstate ANS Management Plans. In FY 2019, funding was provided to support implementation of 44 approved state/interstate ANS management plans (The Nevada Plan was not approved until June 2018, thus not eligible for this funding cycle.)

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

No

### Grant Review Comments

The committee does not review grant applications. However, agencies, such as the Service, that comprise the ANS Task Force, take the committee's recommendations into account in their 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  
Online Committee Web Site  
Online GSA FACA Web Site  
Publications  
Other

**Access Comments**

N/A