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*December 3-4, 2018*



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**Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel meeting**

NH Department of Environmental Services  
Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH  
December 3-4, 2018

**Monday, December 3, 2018 | Panel Steering Committee**

**11:00 AM Steering Committee**

*Agenda will be under separate cover to members*

**Monday, December 3, 2018 | full Panel**

**1:00 PM Full Panel meeting: welcome, introductions, review of meeting agenda, and updates by Co-chairs**

*Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program*

*Kevin Cute, RI Coastal Resources Management Council*

*NEANS Panel co-chairs*

***ANS updates and Panel business:***

- Membership updates – Michele Tremblay
- April meeting and August 2018 call summaries acceptance – Meg and Kevin
- Schedule mid-term Panel conference call in February 2019 – Meg, Kevin, and Michele
- Spring 2019 meeting planning – Meg, Kevin, and Michele
- Invasive Species Advisory Council and National Invasive Species Council – updates from members present
- Panel co-chair election – Kevin

**1:30 PM Vessel Incidental Discharge Act: bill status and implications for the Northeast**

*Kevin Cute, RI Coastal Marine Resources Council*

**2:00 PM New Hampshire's Exotic Aquatic Weeds and Species Committee**

*Michele L. Tremblay, New Hampshire Rivers Council*

**2:30 PM Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment: Is Salt a Terminator or a Facilitator?**

*David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection*

**3:00 PM Budget and grant update**

*Catherine McGlynn, Treasurer, Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Council*

**3:30 PM Work Group meetings**

**6:30 PM Meet for group supper(s)**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018 | Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel**

**9:00 AM Roundtable—*really* fast-paced updates from Panelists and Panel participants** (updates may also be posted at <https://www.northeastans.org/forum/december-2018-meeting-roundtable-updates/>)

*Moderated by Meg Modley and Kevin Cute*

**10:00 AM Work Group reports and proposed projects**

**11:00 AM Spotlight on Species: Eelgrass**

*Alicia Grimaldi, session facilitator, US Environmental Protection Agency*

*Hilary Neckles, US Geological Survey*

*Phil Colarusso, US Environmental Protection Agency*

**12:15 PM Public comment period**

**12:20 PM Review decision and action items**

**12:30 PM Adjourn**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018 | Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Council**

**1:00 PM Board of Directors meeting**

or immediately  
following NEANS  
Panel meeting  
adjournment

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**Meeting Summary Draft • April 12-13, 2018**  
Lake Champlain Basin Program • Grand Isle, VT

**Panelists present in Providence and via conference call/webinar (cc/w):** Renée Bernier, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (cc/w); Kevin Cute; RI Coastal Resources Management Council; Alicia Grimaldi, US Environmental Protection Agency Region I; Bill Harman (cc/w), NY State Federation of Lake Associations; Sandra Keppner, US Fish and Wildlife Service (cc/w); Catherine McGlynn, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; John McPhedran, ME Department of Environmental Protection; Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program; Josh Mulhollem, VT Department of Environmental Conservation; Susan Pasko, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force; Judy Pederson, MIT Sea Grant; Ian Pflingsten, US Geological Survey; Amy Smagula, NH Department of Environmental Services; Jim Straub, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation; Marie-Ève Tousignant, QC Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques; and David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection.

**Others participating on site and or via conference call/webinar:** Ann Bove; Pat Cozemius, Wildlife Forever (cc/w); Karen Hahnel, ME Department of Environmental Protection; Eric Holmlund, Adirondack Watershed Institute Stewardship Program (cc/w); Dane Huinker, Wildlife Forever; Cristina Kennedy, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management (cc/w); Wesley McDaniel, US Geological Survey; Edgar Rudberg, CD<sup>3</sup>, General Benefit Corporation (cc/w); Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications, contractor to the Panel; and Erin Vennie-Volrath, The Nature Conservancy New York Adirondack Chapter (cc/w).

**Full Panel meeting: welcome, introductions, review of meeting agenda, and updates by Co-Chairs** – Sandra Keppner, US Fish and Wildlife Service and Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda for the NEANS Panel meeting. Michele Tremblay provided additional logistics and thanks for their gracious hosting, which has made this meeting possible. Meg welcomed the Panelists and other participants and provided background information on the facility and program.

**ANS updates and Panel business:**

- The Panelists and guests introduced themselves and their organizations.
- The Panel welcomed Marie-Ève Tousignant, Québec Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, as the newest Panelist.
- John moved to accept the meeting summary. Meg seconded the motion. The motion carried. John moved to accept the February 2017 call summary and Judy seconded the February 2017 call summary. John moved to accept the August 2017 call summary. Judy seconded the motion. Josh Mulhollem's name spelling will be corrected. The motion carried.

**Decision: The December 2016 meeting summary was accepted.**

**Decision: The February and August 2017 call summaries were accepted.**

- August 2018 mid-term conference call.  
**Action: Michele will poll Panelists for August 13, 14, 15, 2018 for the mid-term full panel conference call.**
- The Panel discussed scheduling its fall 2018 meeting. The federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force has not yet decided on its meeting timing and venue. Susan indicated that she will work with the Panels to schedule the task force meeting accordingly.  
**Action: Michele will poll Panelists for November and early December 2018 for the fall Panel meeting, secure a facility and distribute a save the date message to Panel@NortheastANS.org.**
- Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force – Susan Pasko provided an overview of the Task Force activities. The charter was renewed January 2018 and operations will resume. The charter will be renewed next in January 2020. The spring meeting will be in June and will be in the Washington, DC area. A regional panel traditionally hosts the spring meeting if there is any uncertainty, there will not be cancellation issues for the host. Because it has been so long since the Task Force has met, it will convene for three days. Susan shared the draft June agenda, which will be posted at ANSTaskForce.gov. The funding opportunities have been cleared. The \$2 million for state management plans. The request for work plans for the regional panels was released last week. Each panel is eligible for \$40,000. Susan asked if she worked on other projects during the “strategic pause on all advisory groups.” There is reduced staff so she has been working on other projects.
- Invasive Species Advisory Council and National Invasive Species Council – There were no members present to provide an update.
- Election of co-chair – Bill Harman nominated David Wong. Meg Modley nominated Kevin Cute. Sandra solicited nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. Sandra asked if David was willing to stand for election. David said that he is willing to stand for election. He appreciates the dedication and leadership of the Panelists. Kevin indicated that he is willing. He would be the second Panelist to serve a second time as co-chair. He expressed his admiration for David. He recognized that a marine focus might be helpful. Sandy outlined the tradition of freshwater and marine co-chair balance that the Panel has tried to achieve. David expressed that he is willing to stand for election next year when Meg steps down in her freshwater capacity. Kevin was elected as co-chair. Meg recognized Sandra’s dedication and leadership and for a longer-than-normal-term as co-chair. Her perspectives and knowledge been invaluable to the Panel during a challenging time. Sandra with a framed certificate to recognize her for her two-and-a-half years of service as co-chair.

### **Roundtable**

At its May 2016 meeting, the Panel decided not to transcribe roundtable updates.

Panelists provide their updates on the Panel Forum at

<http://www.northeastans.org/forum/april-2018-meeting-roundtable-updates/>.

**Action: Panelists and other participants will provide their roundtable updates via the Panel’s forum at <http://www.northeastans.org/forum/april-2018-meeting-roundtable-updates/>.**

## **Budget and grant update**

Cathy McGlynn provided an update on the fiscal 2018 budget, included in the Panel meeting packet. The Panel as \$37,081.69 is available for Panel projects in addition to the 8,401.00 for the rapid response grant fund. All of the Panel's current funds must be spent by September 30, 2018. Michele has received a proposal for \$2,800 to \$3,550 for NortheastANS.org revision. A team will should be assembled to consult on and lead the web revision process. Meg provided instruction to the spread prevention who will review and form recommendations on the rapid response proposal and any other projects such as watch cards. She provided guidance to the climate change work group who will review and form recommendations on the rapid work groups and any other projects.

## **Work group reports**

### *Spread Prevention*

Meg updated the Panel on the spread prevention work group discussions. There was one proposal to address variable leaf milfoil in Long Lake, Maine for the Panel's rapid response fund in the amount of \$12,400. There is currently \$8,401 in the budget for the grant fund. The state agency and the volunteer monitoring group would supplement the funds. There were two other proposals. One was from Vermont and one from Massachusetts for a collaborative effort on the Connecticut River. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation offered assistance with protocols. The project's hydrilla specimen analysis is estimated at \$4,000 at known sites on the Connecticut. The second project includes hydrilla signage in four states, watch cards, and other outreach materials ranging from \$14,000 to \$16,000. The affected state NEANS Panel partners would conduct the survey with the same protocols based on NYSDEC's guidance.

### *Climate Change*

Alicia provided the work group session update and recommendations. The total required for the Rapid Assessment Survey (RAS) is over \$51,000, which would fund a small number of days of the proposed work. The proposed total project period is nine days with funding secured for five. The Panel could fund three days for a price of \$17,175. This includes a request to include the states of Connecticut, New York, and Rhode Island. Kevin reported that he is conducting similar work on floating docks, which is based on Jim Carlton's model and methodology. Top experts in the summer volunteer their time for the RAS.

### *Discussion on the Spread Prevention and Climate Change work group proposals*

Bill moved to fund the projects proposed by the Climate Change and Spread Prevention work groups. John seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Decision: The projects are funded at the approximate amounts.

**Action: Amy will lead the effort to draft the Hydrilla DNA proposal and funding request using the Panel's work group format.**

**Action: Jim will lead the effort to draft the Connecticut River hydrilla survey proposal and funding request using the Panel's work group format.**

**Action: Kevin will contact Judy to request that she provide a final version of the Rapid Assessment proposal and funding request using the Panel's work group format.**

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**Action: Susan and Michele will conduct a Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species work plan review prior to the projects being contracted.**

### **Aquatic Invasive Species mapping tools**

Amy asked if anyone is using Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDDMapS) vs. Nonindigenous Aquatic Species database (NAS). Verifiers are needed, which would be used for the initial entry of the Connecticut River survey data. Currently, NAS has to download data from EDDMapS because they are not connected directly or automatically. With EDDMapS, there have been challenges with third-party verification. In NH, receive data and upload it as a GIS shape file. NAS wants to hear what is needed to improve the product. They are willing to input data and provide shape files to users.

NAS: <https://nas.er.usgs.gov/>

EDDMapS: <https://www.eddmaps.org/>

### **Highlights from Vermont**

Josh Mulhollem, VT Department of Environmental Conservation, provided an in-depth overview on the state's programs and regulations.

<http://www.northeastans.org/docs/meetings/201804/>

### **Boat and trailer inspection and decontamination programs**

Catherine McGlynn, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, presented information on the New York State's inspection program, including decontamination stations and safe disposal areas.

<http://www.northeastans.org/docs/meetings/201804/>

### **Do the 25 Asian Clam-infested lakes and rivers in Massachusetts from 2001 to 2016 show any sign of climate change in the region?**

David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection, provided a presentation on his paper, *Invasive clams (Corbicula fluminea) recorded from 2001 to 2016 in Massachusetts, USA*, which may be found at

[http://www.reabic.net/journals/mbi/2017/Accepted/MBI\\_2017\\_Colwell\\_etal\\_correctedp roof.pdf](http://www.reabic.net/journals/mbi/2017/Accepted/MBI_2017_Colwell_etal_correctedp roof.pdf).

<http://www.northeastans.org/docs/meetings/201804/>

### **Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) update**

Kevin Cute, RI Coastal Resources Management Council, provided an overview of the VIDA process to date. He said that the letter writing campaign has been effective.

Nonprofits, state attorneys general, and other groups have sent letters to Members of Congress. The Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Council has written and faxed and mailed letters to Members of Congress. Meg reported that New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission is involved and has written letters. VIDA greatly affects a large part of the collective effort to prevent the spread of invasive species.

<http://www.northeastans.org/docs/meetings/201804/>

### **Updating the NEANS Panel laws, rules, and policies matrix**

Amy Smagula, NH Department of Environmental Services, guided the Panelists through a presentation and a draft of the information that she has collected to date. Each jurisdiction provided an overview of the data that they provided to Amy.

**Action item: Panelists will provide their existing and new data to**



<http://www.northeastans.org/docs/meetings/201804/>

**Catching the “Unicorn:” Using Public, Private, and Non-Profit Partnership to Help Tackle AIS**

Ed Rudberg, CD<sup>3</sup>, General Benefit Corporation and Pat Conzemius Dane Huinker, Wildlife Forever, presented their work on their boat washing and other invasive species prevention products.

<http://www.northeastans.org/docs/meetings/201804/>

**Review decision and action items**

Michele projected the meeting’s decision and action items for Panel consensus.

**Public comment period**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM.

*Meeting summary prepared by Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications*

## **Review and agreement on decision and action items**

### **Decisions**

- The December 2016 meeting summary was accepted.
- The February and August 2017 call summaries were accepted.
- The Spread Prevention work group's proposals for hydrilla survey and outreach efforts in the Connecticut River will be funded subject to their final proposal and budget submissions in the range of \$14,000-16,000.
- The Climate Change work group's Rapid Assessment Survey proposal will be funded subject to their final proposal and budget submissions in the range of \$11,450 for two days or \$17,175 for three days or field work.
- The rapid response fund proposal from the ME Department of Environmental Protection will be funded as proposed in the amount of \$12,400 (8,401 from the RR fund).

### **Actions**

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## Conference Call DRAFT Summary • August 15, 2018

**Panelists present via conference call:** Renée Bernier, Fisheries and Oceans Canada; Alicia Grimaldi, US Environmental Protection Agency Region I; Audra Martin, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission; Catherine McGlynn, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; John McPhedran, ME Department of Environmental Protection; Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program; Josh Mulhollem, VT Department of Environmental Conservation; Susan Pasko, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force; Judy Pederson, MIT Sea Grant; Ian Pflingsten, US Geological Survey; Reed Porter, RI Sea Grant; Amy Smagula, NH Department of Environmental Services; Jim Straub, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation; and David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection.

**Others participating via conference call:** Ann Bove; Vanessa Curren, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation; Cristina Kennedy, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management; and Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications, contractor to the Panel.

### Welcome and roll call

Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program welcomed everyone to the conference call. Michele Tremblay conducted the roll call.

### NEANS Panel recommendations to the federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

There were no recommendations received from Panelists.

Cathy asked about federal level work on organisms in trade. The Great Lakes Commission has initiated a large project but to the knowledge of those on the call, there has been no federal activity. Judy indicated that there have been no species-specific names provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies on reports of species entering and exiting the United States. A database of imported and exported species would be an important tool. Susan Pasko and Meg Modley recall a presentation to the ANS TF that highlighted data recording coding challenges with species specific information. Susan Pasko will research the issue and report to the NEANS Panel. If appropriate, Judy, Meg, and Michele will work on recommendation language for approval during a full Panel conference call.

Jim asked what recommendations the other regional panels were preparing. The NEANS Panel is a bit ahead of most of their schedules. They all share their issues for possible multi-panel recommendations to the ANS Task Force. Michele was planning to share the Panel's recommendations plans.

The Panel discussed submitting a funding restoration and increase recommendation. Jim moved to have the Panel submit the recommendation. David seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Decision: The Panel will revise and submit its funding recommendation to the ANS Task Force.**

***Action: Meg will work with Michele on revising and submitting the Panel's funding recommendations to the ANS Task Force.***

***Action: Judy, Meg, and Michele will work on species-specific recording recommendation language for the ANS Task Force should the information received from Susan Pasko warrant it.***

### **December 3-4, 2018 meeting planning**

Meg led the Panel through the December meeting draft and placeholder list. There is an emphasis on marine issues with additional broader items. Work group project updates will be included as presentations if data and other results are ready. The Long Lake presentation and the Connecticut River projects will each require 15 minutes. Judy Pederson and Jim Carlton may have a Rapid Assessment Survey presentation ready for the meeting. Depending on funding availability, the meeting might move from the NH Department of Environmental Services to the Courtyard by Marriott in Portsmouth (one mile from downtown).

***Action: Judy Pederson and Jim, Carlton will update the co-chairs and Michele on their need for a Rapid Assessment Survey presentation.***

***Action: The co-chairs and Michele will assess meeting arrangements and move the venue to a hotel, if deemed necessary.***

***Action: Meg, Kevin, and Michele will further develop the agenda via email.***

***Action: Michele will post the meeting announcement with an agenda outline for travel request purposes.***

### **Other business**

The Army Corps of Engineers provided a written request for flowering rush 70/30% federal/partner cost share partnerships. Those interested may contact Mike Vissichelli or Michele Tremblay.

Jason LeBlanc is seeking information on those jurisdictions with experience allowing silver carp as a baitfish. Those with information may contact Jason or Michele Tremblay.

Michele announced her out-of-office time from September 7-28, 2018. She cannot write checks during that time but is able to respond to emails and calls, as needed for urgent issues.

Meg indicated that the Connecticut River project work group is ready to proceed with its outreach, survey, and other activities. A site in the State of Connecticut is confirmed. Ann Bove reminded the Panel that Greg Bugbee from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station should be involved. The logistics of including Connecticut and all jurisdictions working together on the survey and sampling protocol is important. Turner's Falls is a good survey location but there is no known Hydrilla present at this site. Samples from CT would be sent for DNA testing.

The Long Lake project is proceeding and expected to be completed and invoiced in the fall.

Judy reported that the Rapid Assessment Survey plans are proceeding.

John reported that Milfoil and European frogbit has been found in Cobosseecontee Lake this summer. This lake was previously free of any invasive species.

Meg, Michele, and Cathy will work on other projects within the Panel's grant scope of work, should it be necessary.

Reed is finalizing a fall research project and might be able to include it in his law fellow's work if Panel funding will pay for it.

Michele reminded everyone of the call for nominees for the Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award. Les was a charter and very active and committed NEANS Panelist. It would be fitting for one of his NEANS Panel colleagues to receive the award. Information is available at <https://cipwg.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/244/2018/05/CIPWG-Mehrhoff-Award-Guidelines-2018.pdf>.

***Action: Amy, Jim, Josh, John, and Meg will lead Connecticut River project coordination.***

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.

*Conference call summary prepared by Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications*

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