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Sincerely,

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**Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel
meeting**
November 2, 2020
online

Monday, November 2, 2020 (all times are ET)

1:00 PM Welcome, introductions, and roll call – NEANS Panel co-chairs

*David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection
Read Porter, Marine Affairs Institute, Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal
Program, Roger Williams University School of Law*

ANS brief updates and Panel business

- Membership updates – Michele L. Tremblay, contractor to the Panel
- May 2020 conference call meeting summary acceptance – David and Read
- Schedule mid-term Panel conference call in February 2021 – David, Read, and Michele
- ANS Task Force business and meeting updates – Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, US Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
- State Management Plans and new grants management system – Sandra Keppner, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Invasive Species Council – updates from members present
- Co-chair election – David

1:25 PM Presentations module planning

David, Read, and Michele

1:45 PM Other business

1:50 PM Public comment period

2:00 PM Adjourn



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Meeting Summary Draft • May 6, 2020
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NEANS Panelists present: Greg Bugbee, CT Department of Environmental Services Agricultural Experiment Station; Kevin Cute; RI Coastal Resources Management Council; Scott Decker, NH Fish and Game Department; Alicia Grimaldi, US Environmental Protection Agency; Sandra Keppner, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Audra Martin, New England Interstate Pollution Control Commission; John McPhedran, ME Department of Environmental Protection; Catherine McGlynn, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program; Susan Pasko, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force; Judy Pederson, MIT Sea Grant; Ian Pflingsten, US Geological Survey; Read Porter, Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program; Jim Straub, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation; and David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Others participating: Denise Blanchette, ME Department of Environmental Protection; Karen Hahnel, ME Department of Environmental Protection; Alanna Keating, BoatUS; Cristina Kennedy, MA Office of Coastal Zone Management; Marshall Meyers, Meyers & Alterman; and Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications, contractor to the Panel.

Full Panel meeting: welcome, introductions, by co-chairs and roll call –David Wong, MA Department of Environmental Protection, and Read Porter, Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program.

ANS updates and Panel business:

- The Panelists and guests introduced themselves and their organizations.
- Membership: Michele indicated that there are Panelist ongoing participation gaps for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US Coast Guard (USCG), and National Park Service (NPS). Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, has been working with the regional panels to support and help secure membership. Michele has been speaking with Susan about other vacancies. The best results may come from local office recruitment. However, Susan's clout at the DC level is invaluable.
- John moved to accept the December 2019 meeting and February 2020 call summaries. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Decision: The December 2019 meeting summary was accepted.
Decision: The February 2020 call summary was accepted.
- Susan provided an update on the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The last meeting was hosted by the US Department of Agriculture in November 2019. All meeting documents are posted on the Task Force website, including the November 2019 meeting summary, which Susan highlighted. The stay-at-home order is still in effect in the DC area. The preference is to postpone the ANS Task Force

meeting. There are several Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements for a virtual or a real meeting.

- Sandy provided up update on the State Management Plans funding process. The migration to GrantSolutions.gov as the system for funding notifications, applications, reporting, and other processes is in effect. Sandy urged states to register for the training sessions and to designate an individual to sign and submit the roles and responsibility form, which is critical to obtain access to GrantSolutions.gov. Some agencies may elect to designate multiple contacts, which may be best to assure that the roles are appropriate for the access and functions. The 2020 grant timeline is uncertain. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is drafted but will be uploaded and open for thirty days, once the GrantSolutions process is better known. The expectation is that funds will be awarded before the end of the fiscal year, at which time a revised workplan will be required by August 1, 2020.
- There was no one available to provide a National Invasive Species Council update.

Marine Rapid Assessment Survey overview

Judy Pederson, MIT Sea Grant, provided an update of the 2019 summer survey.

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Regulation of Lobster Bait Alternatives in New England

Read Porter, RI Sea Grant Legal Program, Roger Williams University,

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US Geological Survey's Non-indigenous Aquatic Species (NAS): tools and information for researchers, managers, and stakeholders

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Connecticut River Hydrilla Project: strength in regional collaboration

Catherine McGlynn, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program; and Michele Tremblay

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Other business

Judy commented that at the MAPAIS and NEANS Panel December 2019 joint meeting, there was a funding effort ongoing to conduct another survey.

There was no other business.

Public comment period

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the joint meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.