

# MISSISSIPPI INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN



Some Things to Consider

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## # NANPCA (1990)

- Focus on ballast water issues (zebra mussels)
- Established ANS Task Force
- Called for state plans

## # NISA (1996)

- Broadened the focus to include all pathways

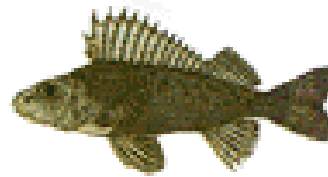
## # NAISA (2003-in Congress)



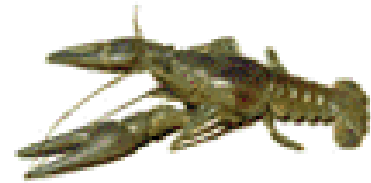
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Mussel*



*Japanese Shore Crab*



*Ruffe*



*Rusty  
Crayfish*



*Purple  
Loosestrife*

# **ANS** Task Force

*Dedicated to the prevention and control of aquatic nuisance species*

*and many, many more...*

- Established in 1991
- Provides a forum to discuss ANS and coordinate activities

# ANS Task Force Goals

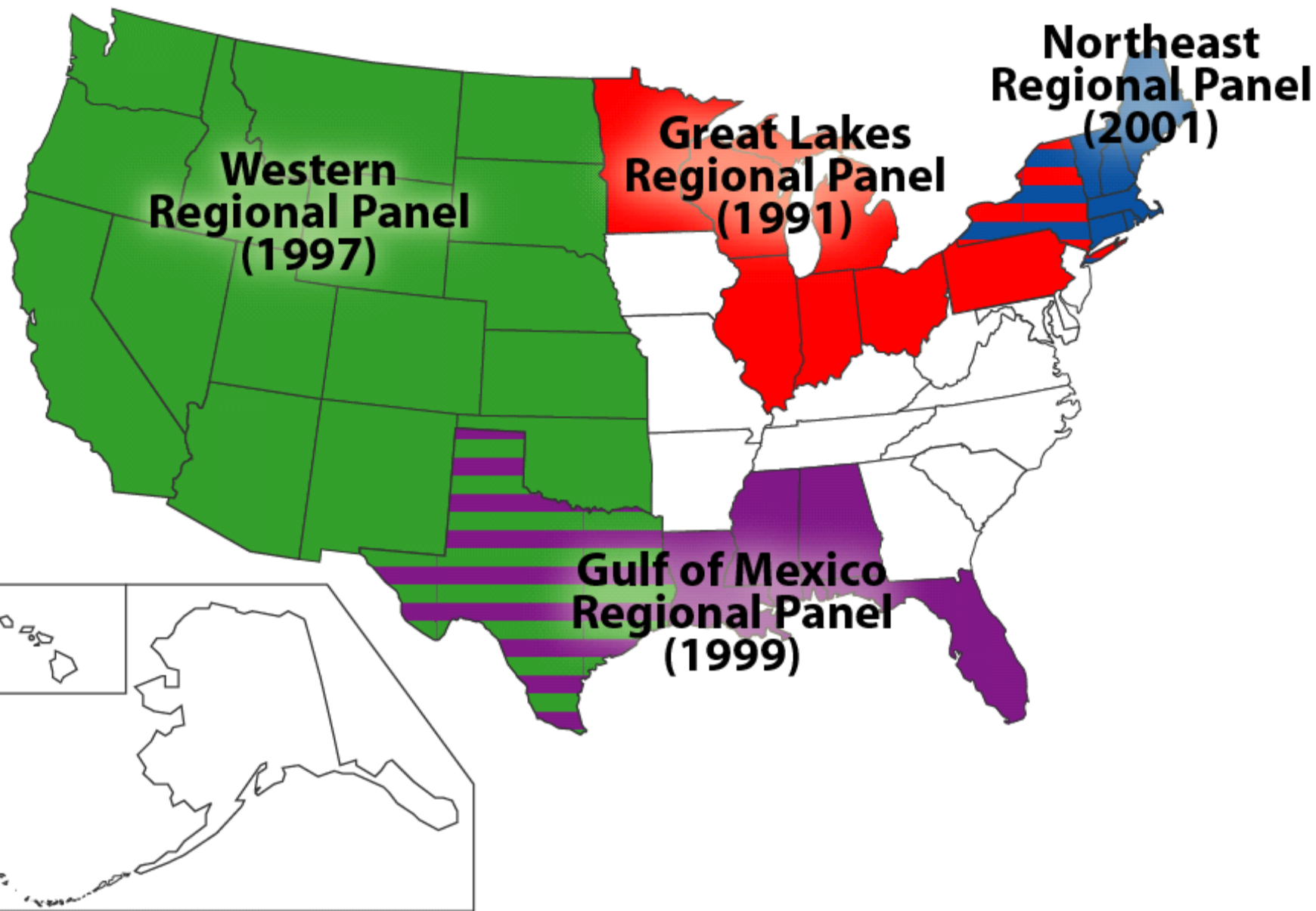
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- Goal 1: Reduce threat of introduction of ANS
- Goal 2: Minimize harmful effects of ANS already in US waters
- Goal 3: Contribute to global efforts to reduce ANS harm
- Goal 4: Maximize the organization effectiveness of the ANS Task Force

# Regional Panels

- # Set up as official committees under the ANS Task Force
  - Subject to FACA
  - Report to the ANSTF
- # Participation to include:
  - Federal, State and local agencies
  - Private and commercial interests

# The Regional Panels of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force


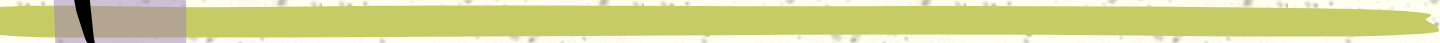


# Role of Regional Panels

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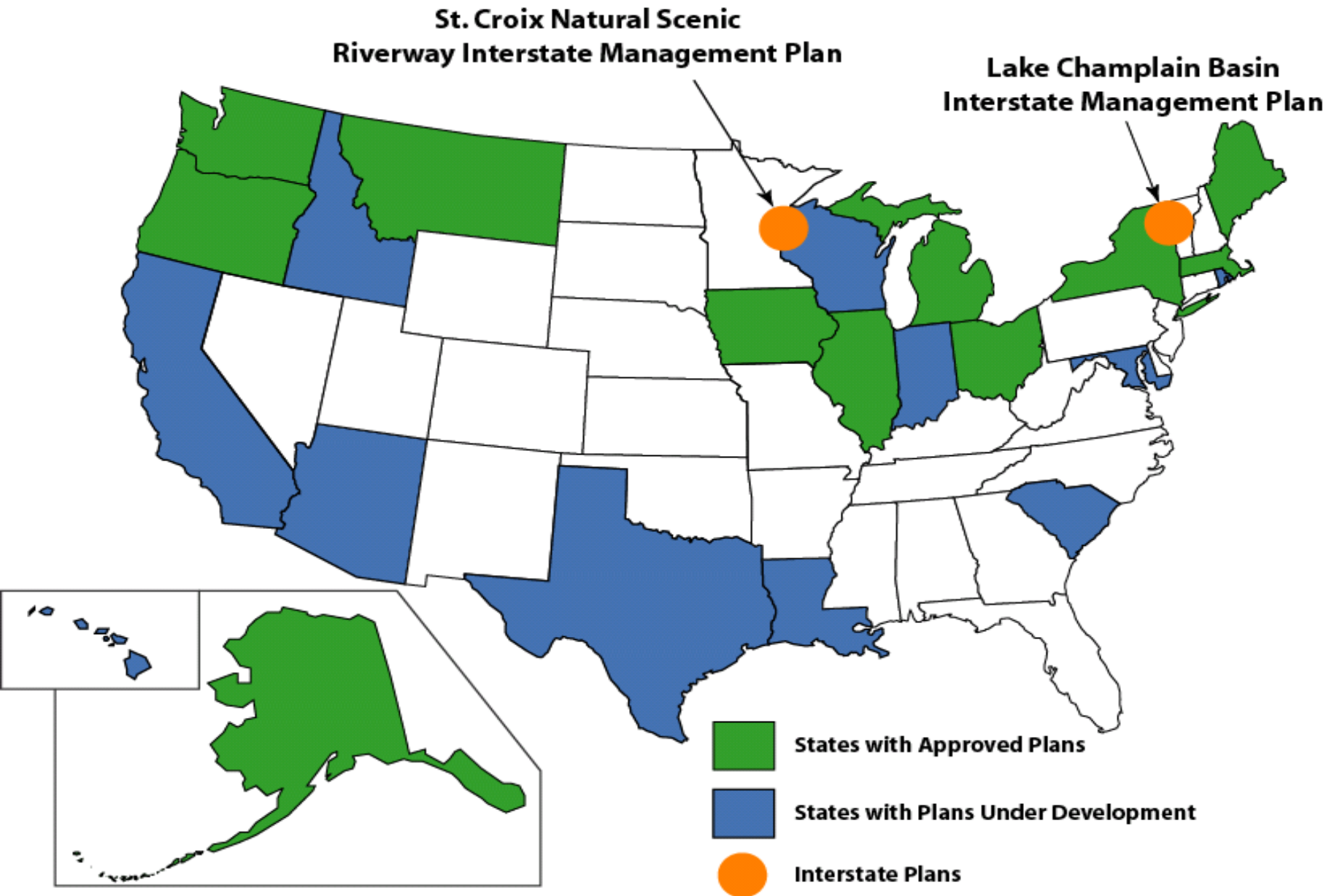
- # Establish Regional Priorities
- # Develop Action Plans
- # Coordinate Regional Activities
  - # States
  - # Tribes
  - # Federal agencies
  - # Interstate Organizations
  - # Non-governmental entities

# Highest Priority



Encourage and support the development of state aquatic invasive species management plans

# Status of State ANS Management Plans



# HOW DOES A STATE BEGIN?

## # FORM A TASK FORCE REPRESENTED BY ALL GROUPS

- Form administration and work as a unit
- Committed to work together to write and apply to National Task Force for management funding
- Committed to cooperate in managing aquatic invasive species

## # APPOINT OR HIRE A LEADER

- To coordinate and represent the group as a state ANS manager
- To solicit funds
- To develop the plan and then see that it is implemented

# WHAT SHOULD BE IN A PLAN?

- # SUMMARY OF EXISTING LEGISLATION

- # IDENTIFY NEEDS

- Technical
- Enforcement
- Financial

- # REASONS

- Eliminate environmental, public health, safety risks from ANS
- Reduce environmental, public health, safety risks associated with ANS

# WHERE TO START

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## # IDENTIFY

- Areas needing technical, enforcement, or financial assistance to control one or more species because they represent environmental, public health, or safety risks.
- Species-related projects already underway by state, federal, local, private, commercial, advocacy groups
- Groups that are already working together or have a history of working together

# STUDY CIRCUMSTANCES

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## # EXAMINE VULNERABILITIES

### ■ Societal

- Recreational fishing & boating
- Coastal conservation & preservation
- Aquatic resource-dependent communities

### ■ Economic

- Commercial fishing
- Aquaculture
- Watergarden & aquarium suppliers/retailers
- Tourism
- Coastal zone development
- Transportation development

# REVIEW OTHER STATE PLANS

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