



ISAC Report

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Recommendations

- **1. From Control and Management subcommittee** — To enhance the effectiveness of biological control programs, ISAC recommends that NISC agencies working on biological control of invasive organisms plan, conduct, and evaluate their programs at the inception of the program in the context of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach. This requires integrating biological control with other management options (i.e., physical, cultural, and chemical) to achieve maximum effectiveness.

ISAC has previously recommended an IPM approach to invasive management strategies. While most biological control efforts often consider themselves a stand-alone, silver bullet solution, a more integrated approach should increase the probability of success. This recommendation addresses the National Invasive Species Management Plan, Implementation Task CM.1.2: Identify and address strategic gaps in regional invasive species control and management efforts and tools.

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- **2. From Control and Management subcommittee** — To further enhance the effectiveness of biological control programs, ISAC recommends NISC Departments and Agencies that oversee and conduct control operations utilizing biological control agents become more fully engaged in adaptive management by collecting and sharing post-release monitoring data. This Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach should emphasize partnerships with local controlling authorities, post-release monitoring and collaborative programs with other stakeholders in other pest management disciplines.

This recommendation addresses the National Invasive Species Management Plan, Implementation Task CM.4.1: Enhance ecosystem recovery decision tools and conduct ecosystem assessments.

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3. From the Communication, Education and Outreach

Subcommittee – As directed by EO 13112, section 4, item F, ISAC recommends that NISC support the website, www.invasivespecies.gov, as the primary website coordinating critical and unique information on national invasive species and serving to provide a linkage for accessing all federal invasive species programs.

Action Items

- ISAC requests a presentation on the Lacey Act revision activities at its 2011 Fall meeting and welcomes an explicit invitation to participate in any associated public review and comment process.
- Ask L. Williams to communicate with Secretary Salazar on if he could assist enhancing the visibility of NISC and ISAC.
- ISAC requests presentations on the differences on awareness campaigns vs. social marketing at a future meeting.
- ISAC requests a presentation from DHS Customs & Border Protection to discuss their authority to conduct inspections for invasive species of privately owned boats and trailers at international borders.
- Propose that ISAC have a full day of the Fall 2011 ISAC meeting focused on ecommerce and invasive spp. We would recommend that this be an additional day in addition to the normal 2 day meeting.

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