

# **GULF & SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL PANEL ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

Perdido Beach Resort

Orange Beach, AL

April 5-6, 2016

## **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**

8:30 Call to Order – *Kristen Sommers*

- Introductions
- Public Comment

8:45 Review and Adoption of Agenda – *Kristen Sommers*

8:50 Review and Approval of Minutes (10/6-7/2015 Myrtle Beach, S.C.) – *Kristen Sommers*

9:00 Invasive Pacific Lionfish: A Threat to Northeastern Gulf of Mexico Reef-Fish Communities? – *Mark Albins*

9:25 Regional Lionfish Abundance, Habitat Use, and Impact Utilizing an Existing Fisheries Monitoring Survey – *Peter Kingsley-Smith*

9:50 Update on the Alabama Adopt-a-Reef Program – *Craig Newton*

10:05 BREAK

10:20 Maculata Apple Snail Research along the Northern Gulf of Mexico Coast – *Jacoby Carter*

10:45 Distribution, Demographics, and Impacts of the Island Applesnail (*Pomacea maculata*) in South Carolina: Past, Present and Future Research Efforts – *Peter Kingsley-Smith*

11:10 Zebrafish: a Model System for Developing a Gene Drive to Eradicate Invasive Fish – *John Teem*

11:35 LUNCH

1:00 The USFWS' Grass Carp Certification Program – *Bill Wayman*

1:25 Update on the Efforts to Switch All States Over to Triploid Grass Carp – *Dennis Riecke*

1:45 Impacts of Asian Carp on Sport Fish Populations in Delta Lakes – *Nathan Aycock*

2:05 Asian Carp Distribution in the Tenn-Tom Waterway – *Dennis Riecke*

2:25 Update on the USGS Invasive Plant Program – *Dan Thayer*

2:45 Fourteen years of invasive in the Delta – *Smoot Major*

3:10 BREAK

3:30 Developing a qPCR Tool to Detect the Invasive Nematode Parasite (*Anguillicoloides crassus*) – *Peter Kingsley-Smith*

- 3:50 Update on New Aquatic Nuisance Species Introductions – *Matt Neilson*
- 4:05 Discussion about the Use of Incentive Programs to Control AIS in the Region – *All*
- 4:35 Update on the 2016 USFWS Region 4 AIS Small Grants Program – *James Ballard*
- 4:50 Public Comment

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**Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

- 8:30 Call to Order – *Kristen Sommers*
- Public Comment
- 8:35 Development of Fact Sheets, New Brochures, Outreach Materials for the Region – *All*
- 9:05 Update on Ballast Water Treatment Technologies and Standards – *Paul Carangelo*
- 9:25 Update on USFWS Region 4 Aquatic Nuisance Species Activities – *Tim Strakosh*
- 9:40 Update on Aquatic Nuisance Species Activities on Mexico – *Roberto Mendoza*
- 9:55 Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Update – *TBD*
- 10:10 BREAK
- 10:30 Invasive Species Traveling Trunk Update and Discussion – *James Ballard*
- 10:50 Discussion about Panel Membership – *All*
- 11:10 Establishment of a GSARP Distinguished Service Award – *All*
- 11:35 LUNCH
- 1:00 Review and Approval of the GSARP Standard Operating procedures – *All*
- 1:15 State Reports / Members Forum
- 3:00 BREAK
- 3:20 State Reports / Members Forum
- 4:20 Discussion of ANSTF Recommendations – *All*
- 4:40 Other Business
- Next Meeting, Time and Place (*Louisiana*)
  - Public Comment

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