

ANS Task Force Update & Strategic Planning for 2019 -2024



**GULF AND SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL PANEL
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Overview of the ANS Task Force



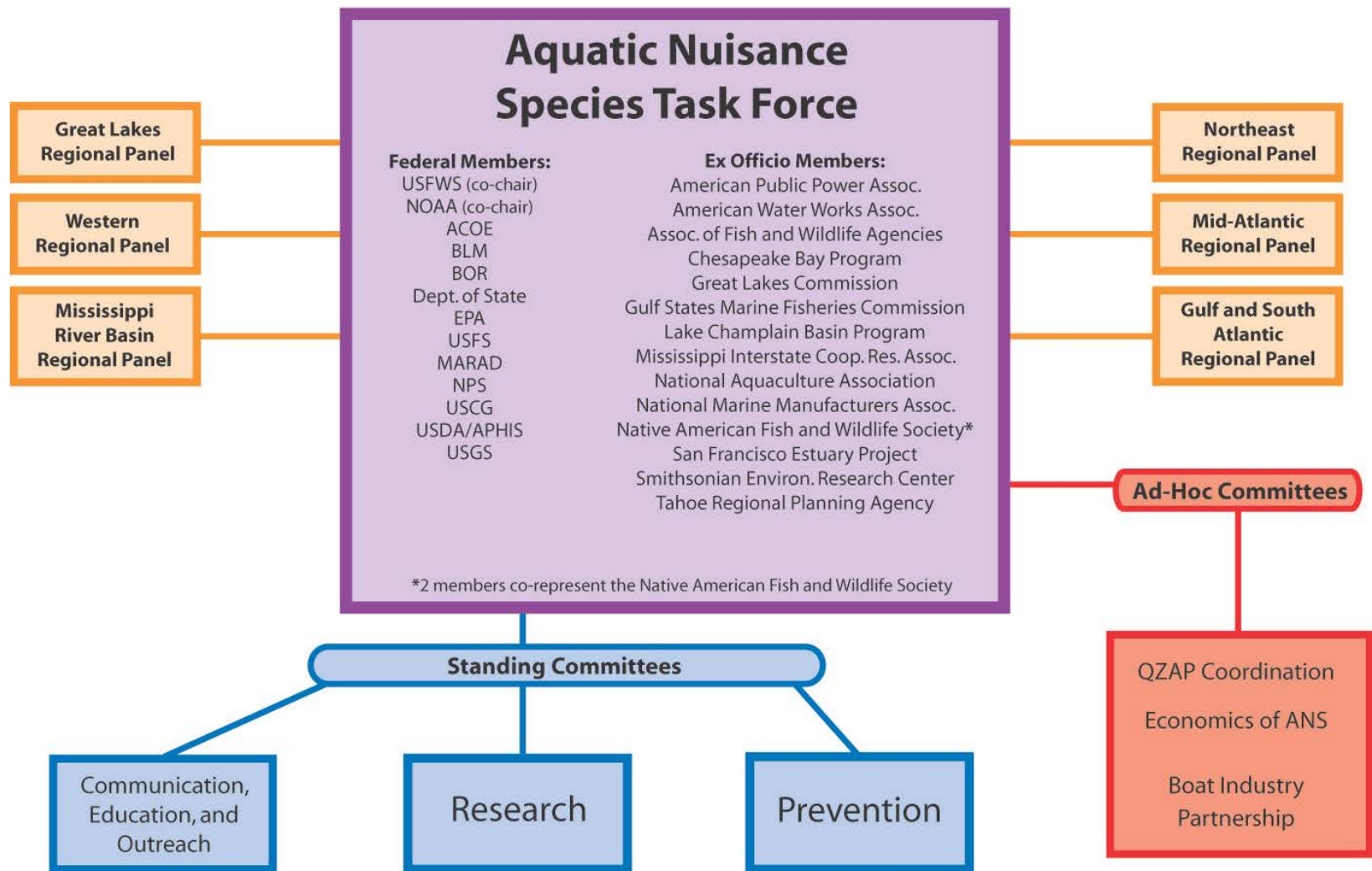
ESTABLISHED by Congress with the passage of NANPCA in 1990 and reauthorized with the passage of the NISA in 1996 .

MISSION: Develop and implement a program for waters of the United States to prevent the introduction and dispersal of ANS; to monitor, control and study such species; and to disseminate related information

MEMBERS: Composed of 13 Federal and 15 ex-officio members

The only Federally-mandated intergovernmental organization solely dedicated to preventing and controlling ANS.

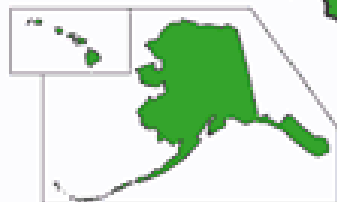




The Regional Panels of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force

Western

(Members include: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, MT, ND, NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY and Guam - Estab. 1997)



Great Lakes

(Members include: IL, IN, MI, MN, NY, PA, OH, WI - Estab. 1991)



Northeast

(Members include: CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT - Estab. 2001)



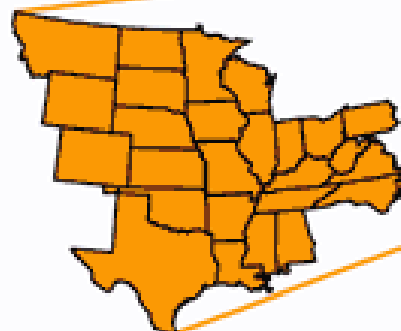
Mid-Atlantic

(Members include: DE, DC, MD, NC, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV - Estab. 2003)



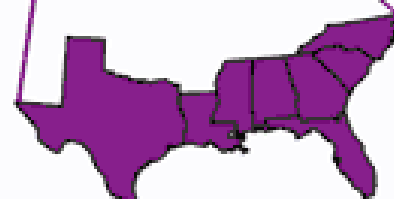
Mississippi River Basin

(Members include: AL, AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, OH, OK, PA, SD, TN, TX, VA, WI, WV, WY - Estab. 2002)



Gulf and South Atlantic

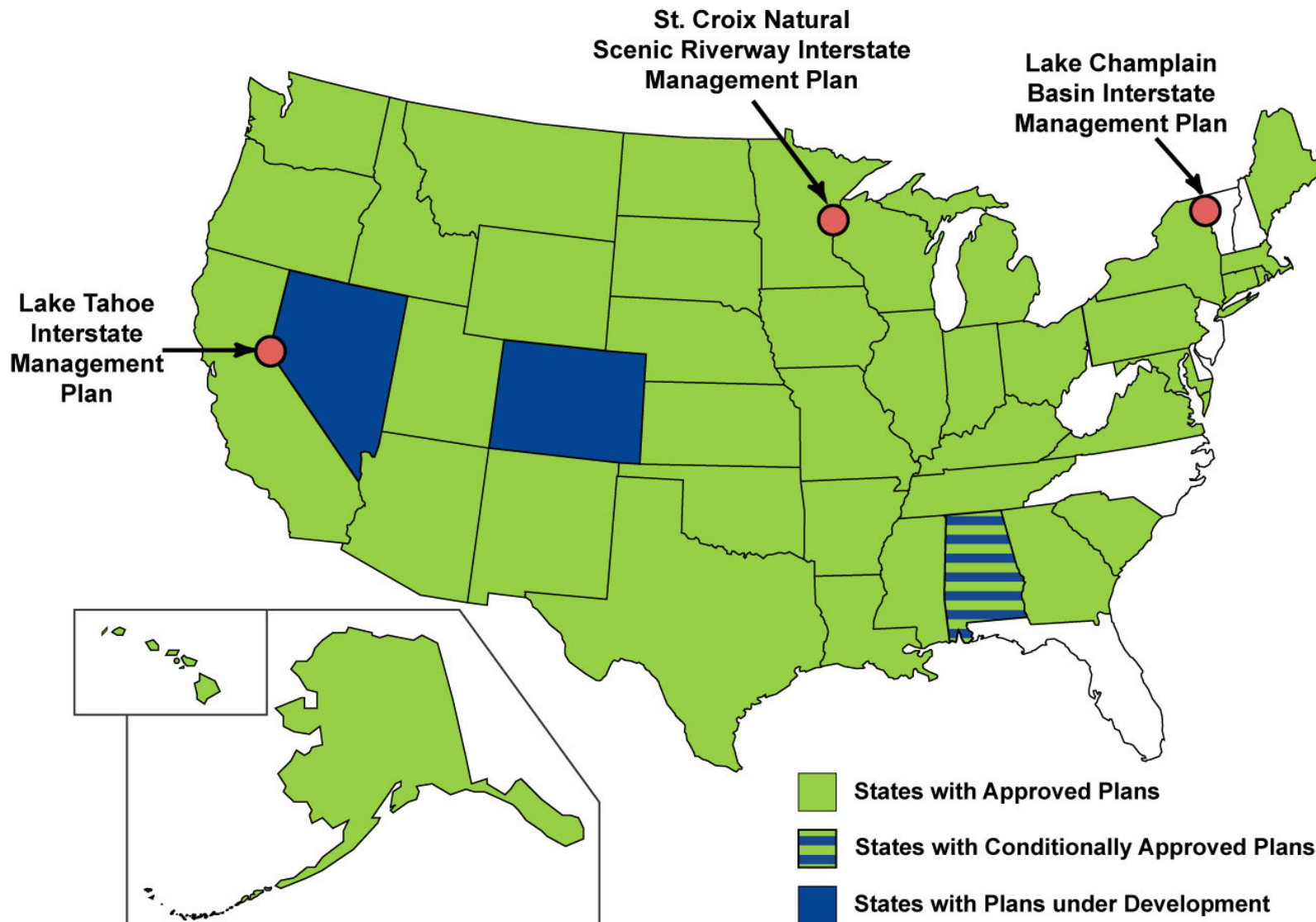
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June, 2010
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Status of State ANS Management Plans

(43 Approved Plans - 40 State, and 3 Interstate)



December, 2016
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-  States with Approved Plans
-  States with Conditionally Approved Plans
-  States with Plans under Development
-  Approved Interstate Plans

FACA Compliance



- Chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).
 - This chartering provides the ANSTF with its core structure and ensures an open and public forum for its activities.
- FACA Requirements:
 - Maintain a FACA database on the internet from which advisory committee information may be obtained;
 - Provide quarterly membership updates;
 - Clear all ex-officio members through the Department of the Interior vetting process;
 - Provide public notice of all ANS Task Force meetings and applicable documents; and
 - Renew the ANS Task Force charter every two years.

ANS Task Force Meetings



June 12-14, 2018 – Silver Spring, MD

- USGS NAS, Asian Carp, Ballast Water, Habitattitude
- Focus on strategic planning
- Goals Teams identified priorities and strategies to further advance the Task Force mission

October 15, 2018 – Teleconference

- Discussed refined list of goals, objectives, strategies
 - Outline – distributed October 24, 2018
 - Draft Plan anticipated mid-November

Next ANS Task Force Meeting



December 12-14, 2018 – Falls Church, VA

- All Panel Meeting – December 11
- Discuss the content of the draft ANS Task Force Strategic Plan for 2019–2024
- Draft ANS Task Force Report to Congress for 2016-2017
- Draft bylaws and committee structure
- Break out sessions to refine and prioritize outputs under the new Strategic Plan

Future Meetings: May (regional location) & November (Washington D.C.)

Strategic Plan 2019 - 2024



Six Strategic Goals:

- Coordination
- Prevention
- Early Detection / Rapid Response
- Control / Restoration
- Research
- Outreach and Education

Under Each Goal, there are **three objectives** that provide detail about how each goal will be accomplished.

Each objective has a list of **strategies**, or specific activities that will be completed.

ANS Task Force Guiding Principles



Coordination is the primary function of the ANS Task Force

- Provide resources and guidance on ANS priorities to Federal agencies, States and regions, such that an ANS program is consistent with a national emphasis and coordinated across jurisdictions.
- Survey the ANS landscape, identify gaps and opportunities, and make recommendations on how to fulfil ANS management needs.
- Should identify potential gaps in policies or authorities and raise awareness with Congress and the Administration
- Serve as a forum to receive recommendations from the regional panels on matters related to ANS and work within its organizational structure to address these recommendations.

ANS Task Force Guiding Principles



The ANS Task Force Strategic Plan should:

- Identity what can be accomplished as a unified organization, yet highlight how individual member activities roll up to advance a collective and national need.
- Present feasible strategies and outputs that can be implemented within the next five years.
- Member and regional panel reporting should focus on how the work products and guidance developed under this Plan have improved their operations, thus showcasing the value of the ANS Task Force.

Coordination Goal



Maximize the organizational effectiveness of the ANS Task Force by establishing effective processes that create opportunities for members and participants to work collaboratively across agency and organizational lines.

- **Strengthen ANS Task Force operations to provide effective communication, information sharing, and decision making**
- **Strengthen the capacity at State and regional levels**
- **Construct a national assessment of the ANS Program for waters of the United States**

Prevention Goal



Develop strategies to identify, assess, and manage the risk of ANS and their pathways to prevent new introductions in the waters of the United States

- **Evaluate and facilitate consistent science-based risk assessment, risk management, and screening procedures to assess potential ANS and pathways for introduction**
- **Coordinate actions to reduce the likelihood of ANS introduction**
- **Develop guidance and encourage implementation of measures to manage high priority pathways and species**

EDRR Goal



Develop strategies to inform a nationally coordinated EDRR approach

- **Facilitate survey and monitoring efforts to detect and report new sightings of ANS**
- **Develop processes to rapidly assess new species detections and determine appropriate management actions**
- **Facilitate the development of capacities to respond rapidly to invasions**

Control and Restoration Goal



Facilitate capabilities to control established ANS populations and restore impacted habitats

- **Coordinate the development and implementation of ANS Control and Management Plans**
- **Identify and communicate effective control and restoration techniques**
- **Identify gaps in available control and restoration measures and encourage innovation**

Research Goal



Facilitate research in support of implementing an ANS Program for waters of the United States by ANS Task Force members, regional panels, and partners

- **Identify and prioritize research needs, including emerging technologies**
- **Facilitate research activities to assist ANS management efforts**
- **Track and disseminate study results to incorporate into ANS management decisions and activities**

Education and Outreach Goal



Develop strategies to increase awareness and change behaviors responsible for introducing and spreading ANS in waters of the United States

- **Evaluate ANS communication, education, and outreach efforts to ensure they are consistent and effective**
- **Develop processes to share information and consistently implement ANS outreach strategies**
- **Raise the profile and communicate priorities of the ANS Task Force**