



MINUTES OF THE 2024 SPRING GSARP MEETING (May 14th – 15th)

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

GSARP Member Name	Agency	Present
Jessica Marchant	AL DCNR	X
Pam Fuller	Member-At-Large	X
Chuck Jacoby	FL Flood Hub	X
Matt Phillips	FWCC	X
Kelly Gestring	FWCC	
Sarah Funck	FWCC	X
Jim Page	GA DNR	X
Charlie Robertson	GSMFC	X
Robert Bourgeois	LDWF	X
Michael Pursley	MS DMR	X
Dennis Riecke	MS DWFP	X
Rob Emens	NC DEQ	PROXY
Tim Ellis	NC DEQ	X
Dale McPherson	NPS	

GSARP Member Name	Agency	Present
Julie Holling	SC DNR	X
Peter Kingsley-Smith	SC DNR	X
Michael Kendrick	SC DNR	X
Monica McGarrity	TPWD	X
Leslie Hartman	TPWD	
Jon Lane	USACE	PROXY
Zanethia Barnett	USDA Forest Service	X
James Ballard	USFWS	X
Barak Shemai	USFWS	X
Don MacLean	USFWS	
John Galvez	USFWS	
Cayla Morningstar	USGS	X
Wesley Daniel	USGS	X
Robert McMahon	UT Arlington	X

Others: Jake Edwards (USACE – proxy for Jon Lane); Drew Gay (NC DEQ – proxy for Rob Emens); Joshua Bauer (USACE); Maggie Waldron (University of Southern Mississippi); Greg Turnage (Mississippi State University); Brett James (MS DMR); Jake Pedigree (MS DMR); Chaz Newman (MS DMR); Jason Ballard (MS DMR); Zach Burnside (Wildlife Forever); Ed Rudberg (CD³); Laura Moncrief (MS DMR); Wes Neal (MSU); Susan Pasko (USFWS); Paul Evans (UF Invasion SRI); Jon Amberg (USGS)

Tuesday, May 14th 2024

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman **Peter Kingsley-Smith** called the meeting to order and extended appreciation to the host agency and meeting prep aids before introducing panel members and guests. Opportunity for public comment was provided, with no comments given.

Adoption of Agenda

James Ballard made a Motion to adopt the agenda. Wes Daniel seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Wilmington, NC – Nov 2023)

Wes Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes; Bob McMahon seconded. Motion passed.

Presentations:

- Aquatic Invasive Plant Research at MSU – *Gray Turnage, Miss. State Univ. – GRI.*
- Identifying Risks Prescribing Access Enhancements – *Zach Burnside, Wildlife Forever*
- Overview of FWS AIS Activities and Upcoming High Priority Projects – *James Ballard, USFWS*

ACTION ITEM: *Motion to adjust agenda to add time for discussion of adding new territories and their impacts to GSARP panel. Motion passed. Will discuss Wednesday.*

- Investigating the Occurrence of *Phragmites australis* in Mississippi's Coastal Marshes: Relationships with Habitat Characteristics and Spatial Change in Three Estuaries – *Maggie Waldron, University of Southern Mississippi*
- Land Management Impacts to Crayfishes and AIS Detection – *Zanethia Barnett, USFS*
- New Resources for Southern Aquatic Plant Management – *Wes Neal, MSU*
- How Mississippi Has Used its State ANS Grant Funding FY14-FY24 – *Dennis Riecke, MDWFP*
- Boat Cleaning Stations – *Ed Rudberg, CD³*
- Update on New Introductions – *Wes Daniel, USGS*
- eDNA Toolbox for Managers – *Jon Amberg, USGS*
<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/upper-midwest-environmental-sciences-center/science/resource-managers-edna-toolbox>
- ANS Task Force Update/Meeting Action Items – *Susan Pasko, USFWS*
- Testing Low-Cost Control of Applesnail Egg Clutches – *Cayla Morningstar, USGS*

NO PUBLIC COMMENT - MEETING RECESSED FOR THE DAY

Wednesday, May 15th 2024

Call to Order/Public Comment

Chairman Peter Kingsley-Smith called the meeting to order. Opportunity for Public Comment provided but none given.

Presentations (continued)

- Louisiana Invasive Carp Management Program – *Rob Bourgeois, LDWFP*
- Update on Southeast Surveillance Project – *James Ballard and Wes Daniel*

ACTION ITEM: Wes Daniel (USGS) will develop a spreadsheet list of species for sample collection for assay development that Panel Chair Peter Kingsley-Smith will distribute to the Panel.

- Update on USGS ANS Projects – *Wes Daniel*
- Southeast Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change (SE RISCC) Network – *Paul Evans, University of Florida, Invasion Science Research Institute*

State Reports / Members Forum

Verbal Updates/Reports were provided by the following states and members:

- Texas – *Monica McGarity*
- Louisiana – *Rob Bourgeois*
- Mississippi – *Mike Pursley; Dennis Riecke*
- Alabama – *Jessica Marchant*
- Florida – *Matt Phillips; Sarah Funck*
- Georgia – *Jim Page*
- South Carolina – *Peter Kingsley-Smith*
- North Carolina – *Drew Gay*
- Member – *UT Arlington – Bob McMahon*
- Member – *USACE – Jake Edwards*
- Member-At-Large – *Pam Fuller*
- Member – *USGS – Wes Daniel*
- Member – *GSMFC – Charlie Robertson*
- Member – *USFWS – James Ballard*
- Member – *FL Flood Hub – Chuck Jacoby*

Motion to Recess for Lunch. Motion Approved.

Other Business

NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Topic: “Territories” are now eligible for State funding:

With territories (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, etc.) now being eligible for State ANS funds, is the Panel interested in inviting these territories to join GSARP meetings? Concerns include potential funding issues to get Territory representatives to GSARP meetings, while also funding attendance of GSARP members. Benefits would be learning about what these Florida neighbors may be bringing species wise into our region along with development of new partnerships.

ACTION ITEM: Motion that Wes Daniel (USGS) will make contact with Territory personnel (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands) to gauge their interest in joining GSARP. Motion second by Pam Fuller. Discussion ensued, motion amended by Peter Kingsley-Smith to (a) require interested Territories to provide GSARP with a letter identifying their interest and investment in the Panel and (b) require GSARP to provide interested Territories with a letter identifying the expectations of Panel participation. Amended motion seconded by Wes Daniel. Motion passed.

Topic: Adoption of Standard Operating Procedures document:

ACTION ITEM: Motion for the Panel Chair to provide a Fiscal Report to the Panel on a semi-annual basis each calendar year, likely following the payment of all travel reimbursements from the preceding meeting. Motion seconded by Dennis Riecke. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to extend current Officer terms as proposed (Table 1) until the conclusion of the Fall 2024 meeting in order to synchronize the terms of the Panel Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, at which time a new election will occur. Motion second by Peter Kingsley-Smith. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Motion by Peter Kingsley-Smith to accept revised SOP. Motion second by Pam Fuller. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to appoint current Panel Chair (Kingsley-Smith), Vice Chair (Phillips), Secretary (Page), and most recent immediate Past Chair still serving on the Panel (Fuller) to Steering Committee. Motion seconded and passed.

ACTION ITEM: Nomination period opened and closed for the three open Steering Committee Seats. Votes taken, tallied, and Monica McGarrity, James Ballard, and Wes Daniel received most votes and were therefore elected to join the Steering Committee.

- **Next Meeting, Time, and Place**

- Monica McGarrity accepted the role of Lead Representative for next meeting which according to the pre-determined rotation through the member states would take place in Texas.



ACTION ITEM: Monica committed to starting to explore logistics of potential locations within Texas and after two weeks or so to initiate bi-weekly check-in calls with the steering committee to update them on the progress of identifying a time and location for the fall 2024 meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

TABLE 1. Current list of Panel officers and associated terms.

Officer Title	Name	Date Elected	Term End
Chair	Peter Kingsley-Smith	Fall 2021	Fall 2024
Vice-Chair	Matt Phillips	Spring 2023	Fall 2024
Secretary	Jim Page	Fall 2023	Fall 2024

[Election of new officers will occur at the end of the fall 2024 meeting.]