

GULF & SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL PANEL ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

April 22 – 24th, 2025

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TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

8:30 Call to Order – *Matt Phillips, Panel Chair*

- Introductions
- Public Comment

8:45 Review and Adoption of Agenda – *Matt Phillips*

8:50 Review and Approval of Minutes from Fall GSARP Meeting [Austin, TX November 19-20, 2024] – *Matt Phillips*

9:00 Status of GSARP Executive/Steering Committee (UPDATES) – *Jim Page, GA DNR*

9:10 Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Management in Florida – *Alex Dew, Sarah Funck, FWC*

9:40 USACE Invasive Species Program in Florida – *Jon Lane, USACE Jacksonville District*

10:00 BREAK

10:15 Research and Outreach Program, Opportunity to Collaborate – *Mariah McInnis, FWC*

10:40 Swamp Eel Control Update - *Nick Trippel, FWC*

11:00 Red Swamp Crayfish – *Kelly Gestring, FWC*

11:20 Technology Talk (Drone, Spray Tracker) - *Alex Dew, FWC*

11:40 LUNCH (on your own)

- 1:10 *Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF) Update – *Susan Pasko, USFWS*
- 1:30 Overview of FWS AIS Activities and Upcoming High Priority Projects – *James Ballard, USFWS*
- 1:50 Update on New ANS Introductions – *Cayla Morningstar, USGS*
- 2:10 New USGS Aquatic Disease and Pathogen Database Update – *Wesley Daniel, USGS*
- 2:30 Rapid response Fund Update and Discussion – *Charlie Robertson, GSMFC*

2:50 BREAK

- 3:05 *Halophila stipulacea* Life History, Identification and Worldwide Occurrence – *Dr. Demian Willette, LMU*
- 3:25 *Halophila stipulacea* In Florida and implications to the SE – *Dr. Justin Campbell, FIU*
- 3:45 Long-term Removal of Invasive Caiman – *Eric Suarez, UF*
- 4:05 Tropical Clawed Frog Biocontrol – *Quenton Tuckett, UF*
- 4:25 Inundative Biocontrol project – *Mariah McInnis, FWC*
- 4:45 Public Comment

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

8:30 Call to Order – *Matt Phillips*

- Public Comment

8:45 Aquatic Invasive Species Risk Screenings – *Jeff Hill, UF*

9:05 Hydrilla Update (Yale, Apopka, Toho) – *Alex Dew & Ed Harris, FWC*

9:25 Evaluating the Use of a Commercial Haul Seine as a Management Tool for Tilapia in Upper St Johns River Lakes – *Arthur Bernhardt, FWC*

9:45 Tangled Tales of *Vallisneria Spiralis*: Knot your Average Tape Grass - *Kristen Peterson, FWC*

10:05 BREAK

10:20 Lionfish Control in Florida – *Sarah Funk, FWC*

10:40 Consumptive Use of Invasive Lionfish - *Christine Raininger, Lionfish Huntress*

11:00 Caecilians in Florida – *Coleman Sheehy, UF*

11:20 eDNA Assay Development for AIS – *Brian Bahder, UF*

LUNCH (on your own)

1:00 State Reports / Members Forum

3:00 BREAK

3:15 Other Business – *Matt Phillips*

- Next Meeting, Dates, and Place (South Carolina?)

3:30 Public Comment

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Thursday April 24, 2025 – FIELD TRIP DAY

8:00 Leave for West Lake Toho Tours- *All*

8:40 Arrive at lakefront and divide into groups for Hydrilla tour and bio blitz (Asian Swamp eel).

11:30 Arrive back at Lakefront Park

12:00 Lunch in Kissimmee

1:30 Back to Hotel and Adjourn