

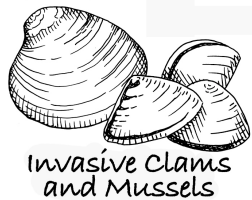


ANS Task Force



THE FEDERAL AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES TASK FORCE

15 Years of Evolving



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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Executive Secretary



ANS Legislation

- **Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990**
 - Emphasis on the Great Lakes & ballast water
 - ANSTF & Aquatic Nuisance Species Program
 - State ANS Management Plans
- **National Invasive Species Act of 1996**
 - Focus still on ballast water and shipping
 - Increased number of Regional Panels

ANS Task Force

- Established 1991 – FACA charter
- Mechanism to develop and coordinate a comprehensive Federal ANS Program
- Prevention, monitoring / detection, control
- Research, education, technical assistance

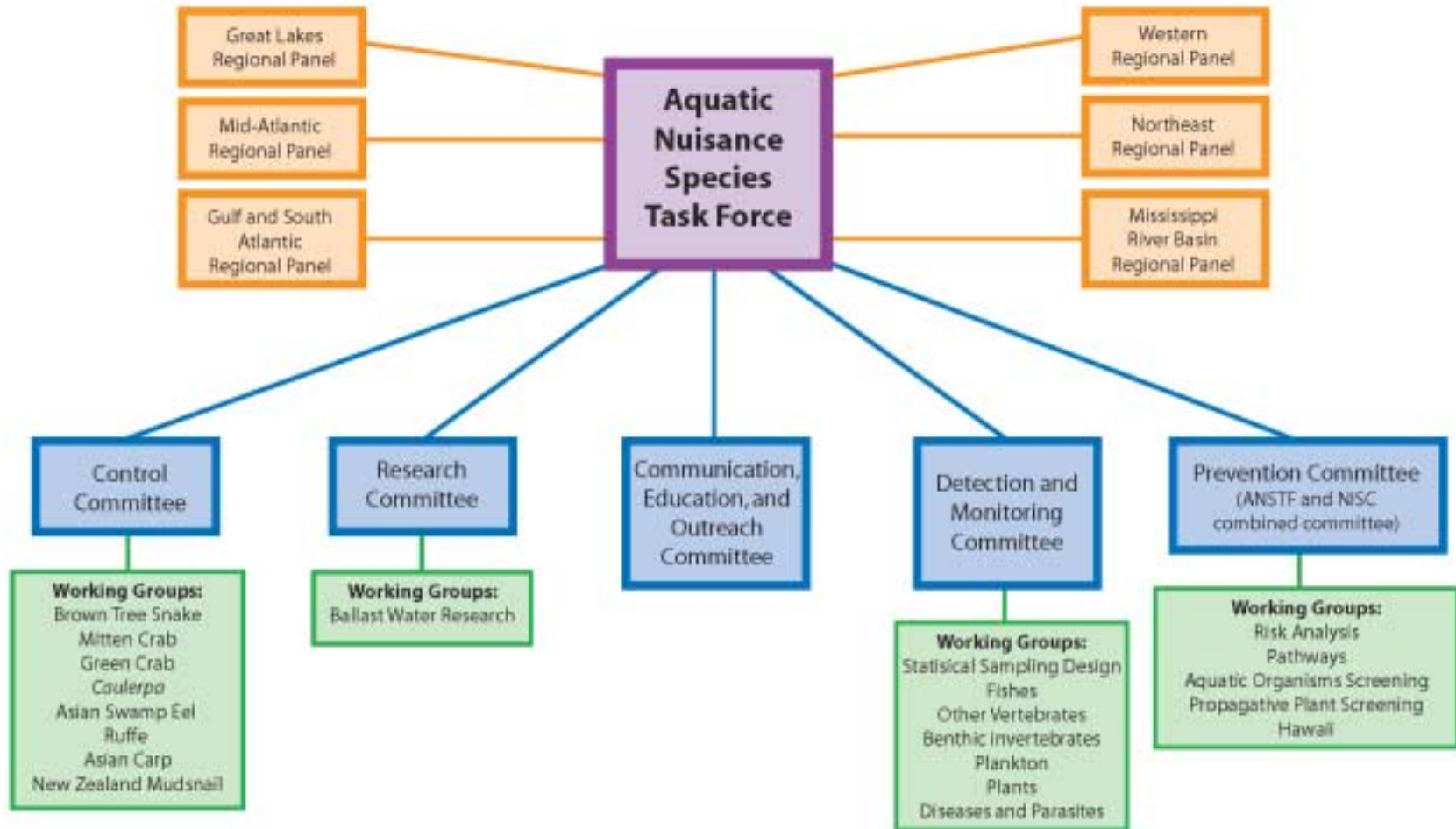
Federal Membership

- *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Co-chair)*
- *National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (Co-chair)*
- *U.S. Coast Guard*
- *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*
- *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
- Department of State
- U.S. Geological Survey
- National Park Service
- Maritime Administration

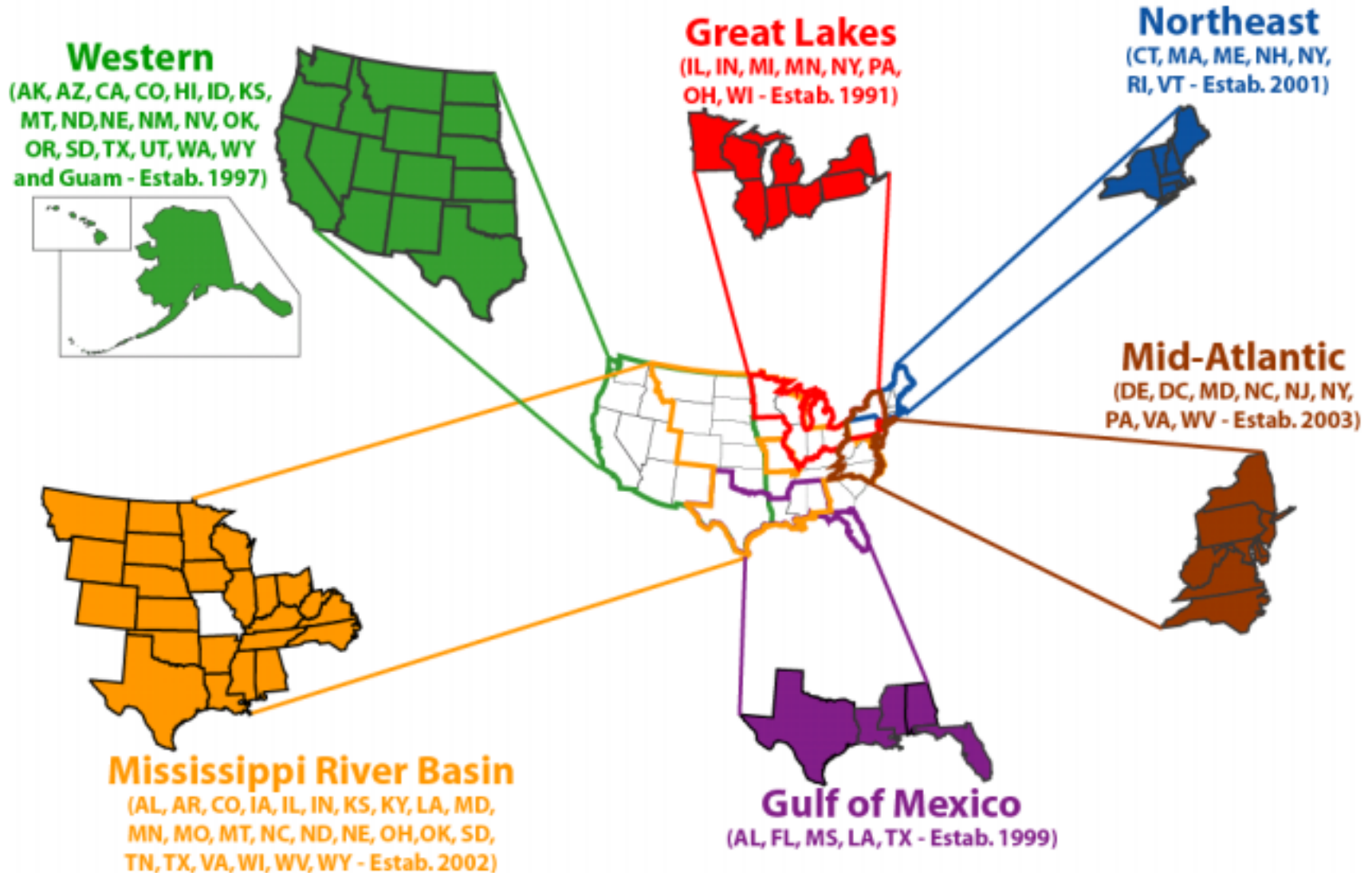
Ex-Officio Membership

- *Great Lakes Commission*
- *Lake Champlain Basin Program*
- *Chesapeake Bay Program*
- *San Francisco Estuary Project*
- American Water Works Association
- American Public Power Association
- Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
- International Assoc. of Fish and Game Agencies
- National Association of State Aquaculture Coordinators
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resources Association
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Structure



The Regional Panels of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force



Regional Panels

- Subcommittees of the ANS Task Force
 - States
 - Tribes
 - Interstate Organizations
 - Non-governmental entities
 - Federal agencies
- Discuss regional priorities
- Coordinate regional activities
- Develop work plan for cooperative efforts
- Make recommendations to ANSTF

Committees

- Prevention
- Detection and Monitoring
- Control
- Research
- Communication, Education & Outreach

State/Interstate Management Plans

- Provide technical assistance for development of plans
- Offer cost-share grants for approved plans
- 18 plans completed and approved
- More under development

Control and Management Plans

Completed Plans

Caulerpa sp.

Green crab

Chinese mitten crab

Eurasian ruffe

Giant Salvina

Purple Loosestrife

Water Chestnut

Brown Tree Snake

Under development

Asian carp

Asian swamp eel

New Zealand mud snail

Nutria

Ballast Water Management

- Ballast Water Regulatory Program
 - Participation in international activities
 - Development of national regulatory program
- Ballast Water Technology Demonstration Program
 - Competitive grants program for development and demonstration of ballast water management technologies

Public Awareness



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Where To Next?

Meeting 5/24-26 - Hyannis, MA

- ANSTF 2010
- Structure of meetings
- Control Committee
- Report to Congress

We Want to Hear from You!

- How are we doing?
- Scott_Newsham@fws.gov
- Work through regional panel to make recommendations to ANSTF
- Join a committee