

ISAC Action Items

~ December 2010 ~

Responses as of June 2011

ACTION ITEMS

1. ISAC recommends the formalization of the commitment to address invasive species by codifying the National Invasive Species Council and the Executive Order 13112 definition of invasive species in legislation.

- *NISC to analyze and report back at the Spring 2011 meeting.*

Response: This is a possible to be discussed during NISAW 2012.

2. ISAC recommends that NISC agencies objectively evaluate available technology for inclusive management solutions to meet the National Invasive Species Management Plan objectives such as early detection network, collaboration, information sharing, and performance evaluations.

- *NISC will request member agencies to provide information on any technologies currently being utilized within their organization to meet the requirements in the National Invasive Species Management Plan. NISC staff will then initiate a catalog of those technologies which could be applied to assist agencies in fulfilling their invasive species management responsibilities.*

Response: Still in discussion.

3. ISAC recommends including utilization of non-federal stakeholders and private enterprise support for development and implementation of technology driven tools, including support of pilot projects and testing of currently available solutions that can be modified or enhanced for invasive species management.

- *Tabled until the Spring 2011 Meeting.*

Response: Informal discussions with select NISC agencies and partners were conducted to assess the scope of this issue. Various past attempts to catalog information tools and technology were recognized including difficulties encountered when dealing with such a wide scope of potential applications, tools and agencies. A more pragmatic approach was proposed to look at a particular subset of issues (e.g., information tools/databases incorporating location data of invasive species). Consideration of whether and how to initiate a more formal federal interagency process to move this forward is ongoing.

Note: A compilation by the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) of online information systems related to invasive species (including 109 US-based resources) is available at <http://www.gisnetwork.org/Documents/draftiasdbs.pdf>.

4. Support should be formalized for a global database of risk assessments for intentional introductions of species into countries. The database should include essential information such as the risk assessment model used, the year of the assessment, the individual questions and

answers used for the assessment, and the name and contact information for the agency or organization conducting the assessment.

- ISAC requests that NISC agencies report the following by Spring 2011:
 - 1) If they do risk assessments
 - 2) Where do they post these risk assessments
 - 3) Whether they available to the public
 - 4) Is any other information that they have on risk assessments done in other countries available?
- This then goes back to the Research Subcommittee for compilation.

[Response: Not compiled. Many agencies are doing various types of risk assessments. Question regarding the goal of this exercise.](#)

5. Introductions of new genotypes of existing species need to be assessed for risk of invasiveness.

- The Research Subcommittee agreed to revise and resubmit at the Spring 2011 meeting.

[Response: Submitted as a recommendation.](#)

6. Risk assessments should be conducted on horticultural species that have already been introduced but not yet escaped cultivation.

- The Research Subcommittee agreed to revise and resubmit at the Spring 2011 meeting.

[Response: Submitted as a recommendation.](#)

7. ISAC recommends that the following specific agencies consider the benefits of joining the Invasive Species Compendium: EPA, HHS(CDC), DOI (NPS, BLM, BOR, BOEMRE); DOT (Maritime Org., Coast Guard); State, DOC (NMFS); DOD, and the U.S. Trade Representative.

[Response: This request was withdrawn after discussions with ISAC members during the meeting.](#)

8. In an effort to understand the challenges to minimize spread and control of invasive species along transportation corridors and waterways, ISAC would request former federal officer(s), with experience on this issue, present their perspective and provide advice to ISAC to assist the committee in understanding how a state, region, or county can successfully prioritize invasive species collaborative efforts.

[Response: For clarification would like to know what DOT is doing to control invasives. Find some mechanism to follow up with DOT.](#)

9. At the spring 2011 ISAC Meeting, request that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provide a report on revisions to the Lacey Act.

[Response: FWS will present these revisions when they are available.](#)

10. If there is interest in a White Paper on harvesting let an officer know. ISAC will convene a task team to provide by the Spring Meeting a draft White Paper on incentives for harvesting invasive species.

[Response: Making progress on this paper, but had a slow start. There is definitely interest from a number of different agency partners.](#)

11. NISC staff will revisit the logic/structure of the Prevention Subcommittee and provide an update at the Spring 2011 meeting. If necessary, suggest revision to structure on how this is set up.

Response: This will be discussed during the subcommittee meeting with a report on the most recent joint ANSTF/NISC prevention committee.

12. Have a panel discussion of experts on the topic of internet trade at the Spring 2011 ISAC meeting.

Response: A background paper has been prepared and will be discussed during the prevention subcommittee meeting.

13. Request that NISC explore the possibility of conducting an intercessional ISAC webinar in Spring 2011 to review draft of the PCR White Papers. There was also a suggestion to include the Marine Climate Change White Paper.

Response: The PCR issue will be discussed at the meeting and a draft outline of a white paper will be presented. A vote to approve the Marine Climate Change white paper is planned during the meeting.