

Notes from the teleconference of the ISAC Steering Group
on Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Present were: - Ship Bright, Faith Campbell, Diane Cooper, Bill Dickerson, Nelroy Jackson, Marilyn Leland, Lori Williams. Absent were: - Ann Bartuska, Jerry Jackson, Ron Lukens, & Randall Stocker due to prior commitments.

The teleconference was called to order at 1.05 pm EDT/10.05 am PDT.

Review of June Meeting:

Ship thought that the field trip was fantastic, and Diane was glad to be able to do things rather than just listen to people. With the NBC story on Asian carp that ran afterwards, the timing was good.

Substantive aspects of the meeting were good. Good comments on the industry presentation. Next time we should have Kathy Metcalf or Bob Kantor, and Barbara Cooksley wants to do one for ranching.

Lori reported that Hilda Diaz-Soltero is the new USDA liaison to NISC on invasive species – both internal and external.

Action Items: -

1. **Definition of nonnative and invasive terms.** Lori to follow up with Allegra. (Jim Tate's request). There is concern among industry about how terminology is used.
2. **Stats for inspectors.** Lori to talk to Sharon at Policy Liaison group.
3. **State legislative language.** Need clarification – NISC staff.
4. **EDRR – Scott's schematic**
Lori will check with Tom Bewick. No known comments from ISAC.
5. **Federal Rule implementing Cost Share formula requiring state support for pest control and eradication activities.** Individual members of ISAC will respond to the draft rule, and copy Bill Dickerson. Bill will collect these comments and provide them to NISC as a collection of comments, not as an ISAC recommendation. There will also be a cover letter that members of ISAC may sign on to.
6. **Research Priorities:** Should be done in August.
7. **NAL and CEO subcommittee:** Being Planned.
8. **Establish new task team to consider value in risk assessment/ level of protection.**
In progress - After September 8.

9. **Efforts to initiate an Invasive Species of the Month.** Lori to check with Dean.

10 & 11. **Regarding the proposed merger of the ANSTF and ISAC Prevention Subcommittee.** Richard Orr requesting feedback on roles and responsibility TOR (see Tab 3). No feedback received as of July 14 request date. Lori to send the proposal again to ISAC before taking the leadership issue to ANSTF. Need clarification on exactly what ISAC's recommendations are/were.

12. **Identifying new members of Control and Management Subcommittee.** Jerry Jackson also volunteered to be on the c'tee. Co-Chairs are working on one of the Action Items. Bob Nowierski is now the Federal Co-Chair.

13. **Prepare ISAC recommendations to NISC on revenue-raising approaches to support invasive species programs.** No Progress.

14. **ISAC review Oversight Mechanism paper** and provide comments to Lori. Linda to send comments to ISAC for feedback at Lori/SG's request. No additional comments received. Comments need to be funneled through the Steering Group, before consensus of ISAC.

15. Clarification of item: refers to task team and subcommittee meetings held during a regular ISAC meeting.

16. **Possible October, 2003 Meeting Agenda items:**

- International Subcommittee update/ introduce new Director
- CEO - Update on website and IAS of the month
- Legislative update
- Budget Task Team - Actions to support 2005 budget
- Report from "Alternative Approaches to Funding" team
- Levels of protection/ value in risk assessment
- Oversight report
- Funding sources – Allegra
- APHIS Cost Share rule and how it relates to the ISAC/NISC priority re Rapid Response
- Animal imports zoonotic diseases
- Invite CDC and FDA to the next ISAC meeting
- Industry Updates – Kathy Metcalf and Barbara Cooksley
- Update and discussion of economic impacts of invasive species*
- Revisions to the National Management Plan
- Progress Report on NMP
- NEPA Guidance
- Terminology Report

**items for the Joint NISC/ISAC meeting*

Lori will have 'Policy Liaison' and 'Principals' meetings before deciding the format for the October Joint NISC/ISAC meeting – length, subjects, extended introductions. Items on the agenda that are relevant to both for the joint meeting (rewriting the plan, progress report, revising timelines) - maybe the joint meeting will be held the first morning.

Succession/Transition of ISAC leadership should be discussed informally and then put on the March Meeting Agenda.

Lori to send out a List of ISAC members and their term-ending dates.

Class photograph with NISC should be taken at the October meeting.

Lori reported that the new International Assistant Director will be announced on Tuesday, and hopefully the new Council staff secretary as well.

Respectfully Submitted
Nelroy Jackson
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