

MEETING MINUTES

**South Carolina Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force
9:00 A.M., February 8, 2007
Classroom
SCDNR Marine Resources Research Institute
217 Fort Johnson Rd., Charleston, SC**

<u>No.</u>	<u>In Attendance:</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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1. Call To Order

Steve de Kozlowski, Chief, Environmental Conservation Section, SCDNR welcomed the task force and thanked David Knott and the Marine Center for hosting the day's meeting.

David Whittaker spoke briefly about the push for better, stronger regulations to help combat the growing tidal wave of invasive species threats we face in the future.

Minutes of the November 30 meeting were reviewed; some minor corrections were made and they were approved. Minor corrections to the minutes included clarification of the USGS graphs and some simple wording changes on Pathways to Introductions, take out the word knowledge.

De Kozlowski indicated that the appendices need more work and are a work in progress.

2. Overview of State Management Goals and Objectives - Marilyn Barrett-O'Leary, ANS State Coordinator, Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership

Barrett-O'Leary gave a presentation which included some other states write-ups concerning goals and objectives. She then facilitated the writing of the goals and objectives for the SC AIS plan. What the task force would like to accomplish was broken down as follows:

Concerns

Natural Environment

- Displacement of native species
- Degradation of aesthetic value
- Changes in water quality
- Habitat loss
- Reduction of biodiversity

Economic Environment

- Disruption of power production
- Trade restrictions
- Loss of tourism
- Negative impact on commercial fisheries
- Adverse impacts on water use activities
- Control costs

After some discussion the following goal was written and agreed upon by the group.

Goal:

Prevent and control the introduction, spread and impact of aquatic invasive species in South Carolina.

Objectives can be developed. Some of the major groupings from the other states in the Southeast are:

- Education
- Regulation
- Control
- Communication

Out of this discussion the group decided on the following list of objectives.

Objectives:

- Increase the coordination of AIS management and communication activities.
- Educate the public on AIS, their impacts, and how they can help.
- Monitor occurrence and spread of AIS
- Eradicate established invasive species
- Manage invasive species when eradication is impossible.
- Identify research priorities on impacts and control of AIS.
- Strengthen legislative and regulatory authority
- Secure long-term funding for AIS activities

3. Other business

a. Homework assignments

Turn in any additional information within two weeks.
Review and be ready to discuss objectives.

Steve, Chris, e-mail meeting work

Continue to send comments on existing plans

Send strategies/action items for addressing objectives

List timing of strategies and cost

Consider implementation plans associated with objectives

b. Next meeting

- Location – Congaree National Park
- Specific – classroom
- Speaker –

4. Adjourn for Lunch

Adjourned for lunch at 12:15