

## NISC / ISAC Meeting – May 2015, Silver Spring, MD

The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) will hold a meeting to discuss a broad range of topics related to invasive species. These discussions will serve as a basis for making recommendations to the National Invasive Species Committee and to shape future work efforts of ISAC. While the meeting will focus on a broad range of invasive species topics, special emphasis will be placed on facilitating the productivity of ISAC subcommittees.

### ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

**SPONSORING  
NISC/ISAC MEMBER:**

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**COMMITTEE  
AFFILIATION:**

EDRR

**PRESENTER'S  
NAME/AFFILIATION:**

Hilary Smith

**TOPIC:**

National EDRR Framework and Emergency Fund Update

#### **1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:**

DOI and NISC will present the current status of, and solicit feedback on, an initiative to develop a framework for a national early detection and rapid response program and plan for emergency response funding. This is called for in a number of plans and documents including the October 2014, Priority Agenda: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources that was prepared by the Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience and Natural Resources Working Group. The Priority Agenda contains four priority strategies. Under priority strategy one, "Foster climate-resilient lands and waters," agencies are called upon to "Identify Landscape Conservation Priorities to Build Resilience." Specific to invasive species, DOI and NISC are called on to:

"Within twelve months, the Secretary of the Interior, working with other members of the National Invasive Species Council, including Department of Commerce (NOAA), EPA, and USDA, will work with states and tribes to develop a framework for a national Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) program that will build on existing programs to assist states and tribes in forestalling the stress caused by the establishment and spread of additional invasive species populations, thereby improving the resilience of priority landscapes and aquatic areas."

This will include the development of a plan for creating an emergency response fund to increase the capacity of interagency and inter-jurisdictional teams to tackle emerging invasive species issues across landscapes and jurisdictions.

#### **2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? DOES IT RELATE TO CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED SUBCOMMITTEE NEEDS, ACTIONS, OR DIRECTION?**

A lot of great work and thinking has been done on invasive species EDRR. The importance of EDRR also crosscuts many initiatives (e.g., National Ocean Policy, Arctic, NISC National Management Plans). This effort attempts to knit them together in a national framework, with particular attention to a non-regulatory approach to protecting natural areas and enhancing climate resilience that complement existing mechanisms that protect agricultural resources. The initiative requires involvement of federal agencies, states and tribes, and NISC and ISAC provide important mechanisms to develop interjurisdictional plans. The framework and funding plan are due by September 30, 2015. The ISAC EDRR Subcommittee is being enlisted to provide valuable stakeholder review and input on this project.

#### **3. HOW DOES THIS ITEM RELATE TO THE 2008 – 2012 OR FUTURE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?**

This is part of both the 2000 & 2008-2012 Plans.

#### **4. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:**

This is the subject of on-going work within the ISAC Subcommittee on EDRR.

**5. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:** Consideration for recommendation:

**Initial Draft Recommendation:**

***Background***

The Priority Agenda: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources prepared by the Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience and Natural Resources Working Group (October 2014) calls upon federal agencies to "Identify Landscape Conservation Priorities to Build Resilience." Specific to invasive species, the Department of the Interior and the National Invasive Species Council are requested to:

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***Recommendation***

ISAC recommends that the NISC member agencies develop the early detection and rapid response framework and emergency funding plan called for in the October 2014, Priority Agenda: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources; and, that they seek the involvement and advice of non-federal stakeholders, subject matter experts, tribal, state, and local government representatives who will be critical partners in the successful implementation of this framework and fund.

**6. ALTERNATIVES:**

**Accept the recommendation as written**

**Return the recommendation to the EDRR subcommittee (or other ISAC subcommittee) for further work.**

**Reject the recommendation**

**7. ATTACHMENTS:**

FACT SHEET: Executive Order on Climate Preparedness <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/11/01/fact-sheet-executive-order-climate-preparedness>

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