



## PURPOSE

The National Invasive Species Council was established under Presidential Executive Orders 13112 and 13751. Its purpose is to provide the vision and national leadership necessary to coordinate, sustain, and expand federal efforts to safeguard the interests of the United States through the prevention, eradication, and control of invasive species, and through the restoration of ecosystems and other assets impacted by invasive species.

## ROLES *and* RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council itself is made up of the Secretaries/Administrators of the Departments to the left. Work of the Council is delegated as follows:

**Co-Chairs:** The Council is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce.

**Principals:** Council members may designate a senior-level official to perform their functions. These Principals are responsible for oversight and approval of their agency's positions, submissions, and engagement with regard to Council activities, as well as for overseeing their agency Senior Advisers.

**Senior Advisers:** Council members may designate a Senior Adviser to liaise and work with Council staff and other Senior Advisers on the day-to-day implementation of Council priorities. Senior Advisers should have the ability to work across offices within their parent agency to provide guidance, identify priorities, disseminate information, collate input, and facilitate communications with programmatic and technical staff. They will serve as a principal point of contact for communications and inquiries coming through other Council member representatives.

**Council Staff:** The Council is supported by a staff who maintain a whole-of-government awareness on the invasive species issue. They facilitate strategic planning across federal agencies on priority invasive species issues that would benefit from interagency or intergovernmental collaboration, national or regional-level programmatic development, and coordination. Council staff also coordinate implementation of Annual Work Plans and related operations and directives of the Council and its representatives.

## ANNUAL WORK PLANS

- Facilitate the institutional leadership and priority setting by Council members
- Achieve effective interagency coordination and cost-efficiency
- Raise awareness and motivate action
- Remove institutional and policy barriers
- Assess and strengthen capacities
- Foster scientific, technical, and programmatic innovation