

NISC Secretariat UPDATE



JULY 2016 – DECEMBER 2016

STAFFING



- **New Hires**
 - Director of Publications (Jason Kirkey; 2 yr)
 - Project Manager (Sarah Veatch)
 - Asst. Director for Interdepartmental Coordination (Fabien Laurier)
 - Senior/Policy Analyst (Jhoset Burgos; 2 yr)
 - Senior Coordinator for Science and Technology Initiatives (TBD)
- **Temporary Staff**
 - Interns (Genny Brune)
 - Detailees (Wendy Fink, Mark Frey)

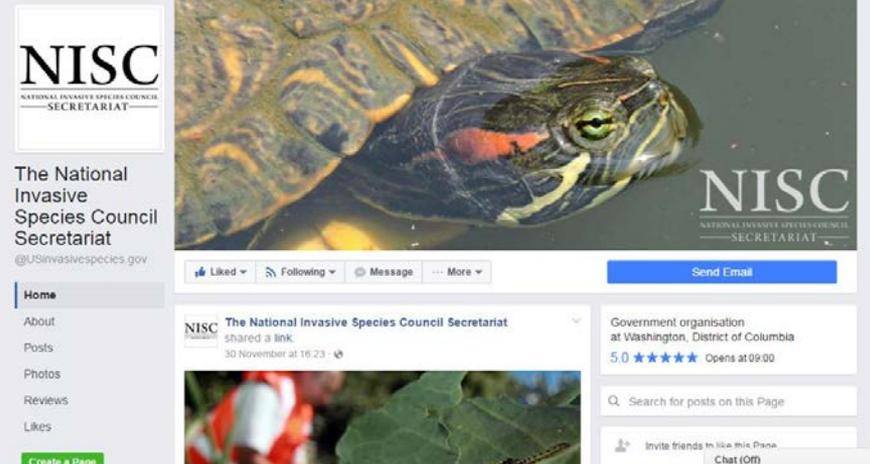
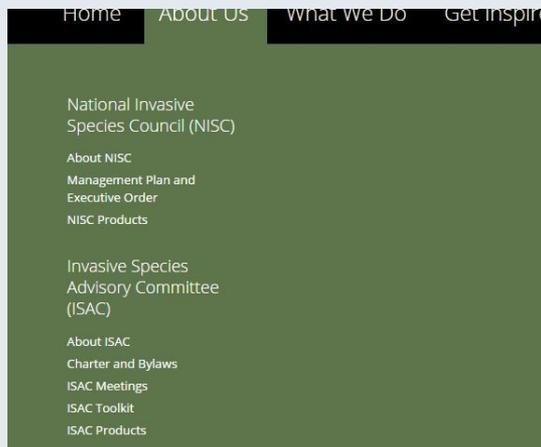
World Conservation Congress



- *Make it a Priority and Make it Stick! How to Institutionalize Invasive Alien Species Programmes*
- Full day – Conservation Campus
- September 3rd
- @60 participants from around the world
- Panel discussions (e.g., Why invest in institutionalization?)
- Group exercises (e.g., setting institutional priorities)

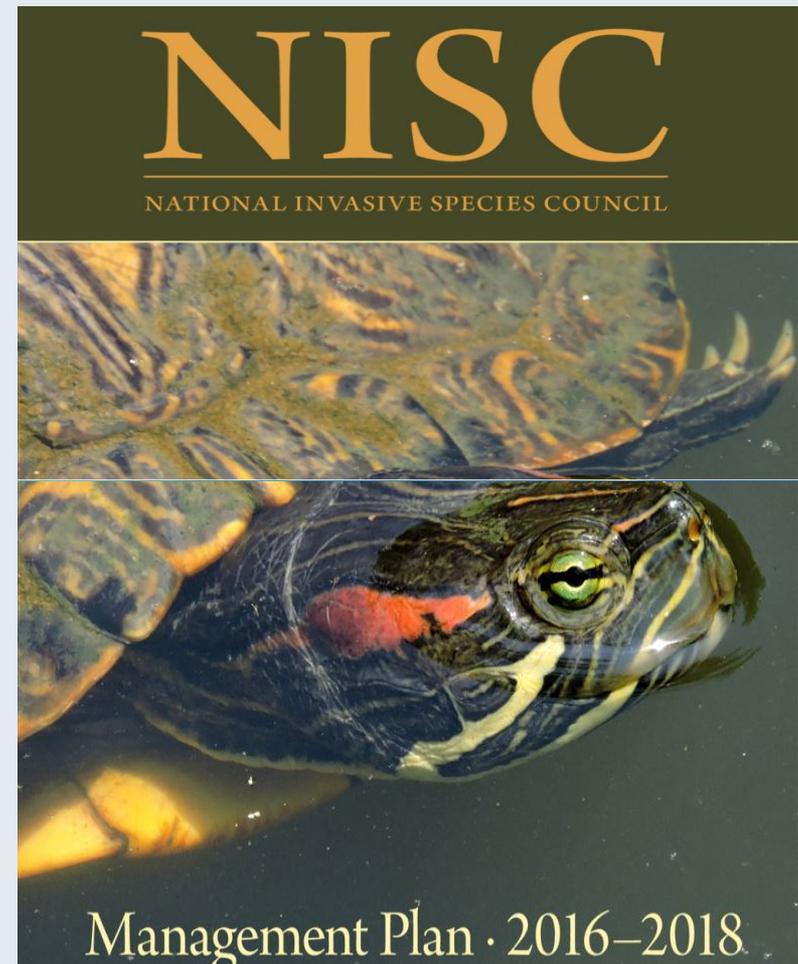


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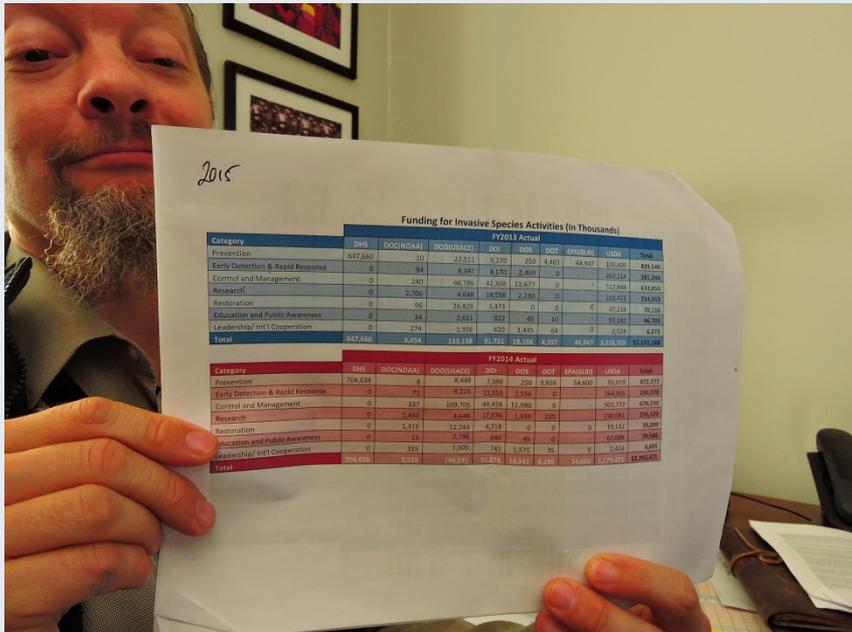


2016-2018 NISC Management Plan

- **Focuses NISC's specific niche: high-level policy and planning**
- **Creates an enabling environment, removes barriers, improves institutionalization**
- **Two-year plan as consistent with E.O. 13112 (1999)**
- **Builds on EDRR Framework**
- **Funding identified for action items**



Crosscut Budget



- “Ongoing” since 2004
- 2016 exercise has 12 Departments responding with concrete numbers
- Slightly delayed given extra time needed to assist additional agencies
- 2015 actual expenditures rose slightly less than \$100 million
- 2016 enacted projects an additional ~50 million
- Final version released this week

Innovation Summit

- **Over 250 participants**
- **Across the US and as far away as Australia**
- **Government agencies, NGOs, private sector, academia**
- **Agenda**
 - **Case studies of grand challenges**
 - **Spotlight on potential game changers**
 - **Encouraging investment and incentivization**
 - **Addressing social license and regulatory frameworks**
 - **Attracting technology innovators and applicators**



ARIAS Strategy and Action Plan



- Under the Arctic Council's Conservation of Flora and Fauna (CAFF) and Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) Working Groups
- Multiple national reviews
- Review by CAFF and PAME Boards
- Steering Committee met in Anchorage, Alaska in late September
- High-level S & A
 - Inspire urgent and effective action
 - Advance capacities for well-informed decision making
 - Undertake prevention and EDRR initiatives
- Now in “political” review
- Arctic Council ministerial in May 2017
 - ARIAS Clearinghouse
 - “Arctic invasive alien species: not cool!”



North American Strategy & Action Plan

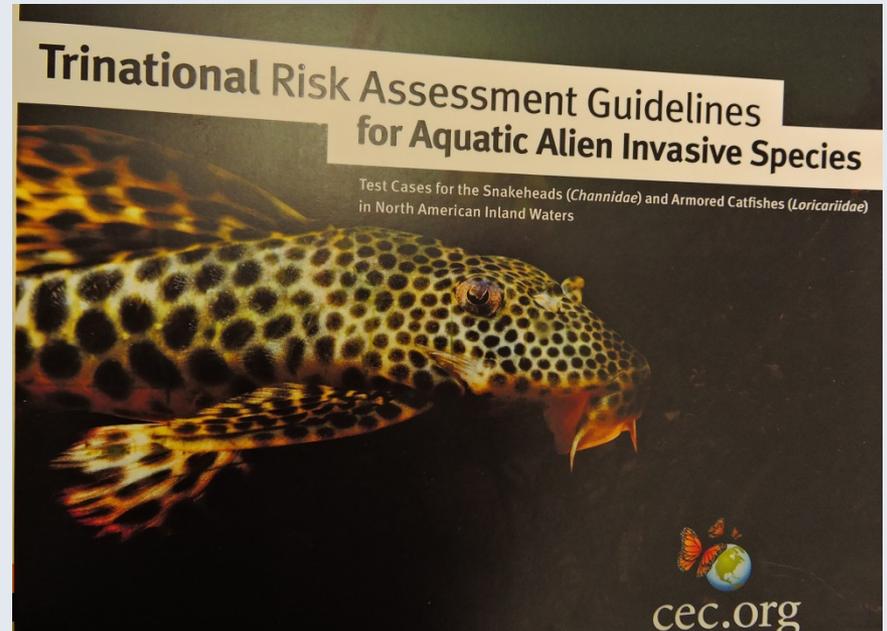


Strengthen cooperation on invasive alien species:

“Further collaborate on addressing invasive alien species on a continental scale. Establish a trilateral working group to explore the development of a high level joint Strategy and Action Plan identifying key areas for collaboration, including under the CEC, and to initiate a survey of existing transboundary invasive alien species projects and initiatives.”

June 29, 2016

North American Leadership Summit



- Working group designated
- Drafting in progress based on ARIAS Strategy and Action Plan
- High-level policy and planning
- Completed by May NA Forum?

Protecting What Matters Documentary



- Makes personal linkages
- Encourages personal action
- Filming at WCC/HI, in LA, DC/VA
- Contributed footage
- Partner organizations
- Environmental film festivals in 2016



NEPA Guidance

E.O. 13112

“Section 4. (d) develop, in consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality, guidance to Federal agencies pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act on prevention and control of invasive species, including the procurement, use, and maintenance of native species as they affect invasive species”



- Data call distributed by CEQ in early Dec. 2015
- Analysis presented to CEQ
- Next steps: NEPA for Invasive Species Practitioners

U.S.TISCC



- Outcome from workshop and training course in Honolulu in June 2016
- Territories received grants to develop invasive species action plans
- Plans due by end 2016
- MOU established
- First meeting Dec 15

Upcoming



- Annual report
- Assessment of Fed capacity to apply emerging EDRR technologies
- Innovation Summit report
- Other Fed capacity assessments for EDRR
- “Invader Detectives”
- Prioritization tool



Task Teams



- Facilitate ISAC providing best possible advice to NISC
- Topics correspond with NISC priorities – set within Management Plan
- May also address emerging priorities
- Comprised of ISAC members, non-Federal experts, DFO, and notetaker
- ISAC members may serve on more than one Task Team simultaneously
- May reach out to other non-Feds and Feds as “resource persons”



Task Teams



- **Themes**
 - Federal-State Coordination
 - Federal-Tribal Coordination
 - Wildlife Health
 - Infrastructure
 - Advanced biotech
 - Managed Relocation
 - Watercraft (?)
- **Toolkit (thumb drive)**
 - List of participants
 - Strategic planning table
 - References
 - Misc. materials
 - ❖ Bold, yet practical
 - ❖ Consider context