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TO: Members of the National Invasive Species Council (NISC)

SUBJECT: Recommendations to NISC from the ISAC Meeting held September 12-13, 2006

During the September 12-13, 2006 meeting at the Hotel Washington in Washington, DC; ISAC agreed upon the following recommendations:

Recommendation I: That the Secretary of Agriculture and APHIS Administrator initiate the formation of a "New Pest Advisory Group" to investigate the genus *Paratrechina spp.*; report of the origin of the pest; and make recommendations as to the potential, appropriate regulatory actions, and eradication (preferred) or containment.

Recommendation II: That NISC member departments and agencies encourage holding and participating in an international symposium on transgenic methods for biological control of invasive fish. The symposium should include a broad interdisciplinary approach focusing on the state of the science, socio-political issues, policy and regulatory considerations, economic implications, and ecological risks and benefits.

Recommendation III: That NISC support adequate and continuing funding and staffing for classical systematics research, education, and operations – including the care and maintenance of systematics collection.

Sincerely,



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