

# INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ISAC)



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

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SUBJECT: Recommendations to NISC from the ISAC Meeting held November 18-19, 2008

During the inaugural meeting of ISAC Class 5 held on November 18-19, 2008 at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD; ISAC agreed upon the following recommendations:

**Recommendation 1:** Recognizing the need for continuity in the implementation of programs relating to the management, control and mitigation of impacts from invasive species, and further recognizing the cyclical nature of the US election cycle and the changes in key government personnel resulting from this process; ISAC strongly recommends the implementation of the 2008-2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan by the new Administration without delay.

**Recommendation 2:** In order to enhance capacity for invasive species management and to aid national economic recovery, ISAC recommends that NISC member agencies should initiate and expand programs that provide jobs based on preventing and controlling the spread of invasive species.

**Recommendation 3:** ISAC recognizes that the capacity of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to address the issue of invasive species depends largely on its Branch of Invasive Species. There has been a reduction in the capacity of this branch to respond to this issue. Therefore, ISAC recommends that the FWS Branch of Invasive Species should be given the resources necessary to address the issue

**Recommendation 4:** ISAC recommends that The White House and NISC should urge non-member departments or agencies to not fund, plant or encourage planting or cultivating invasive species as biofuels.

**Recommendation 5:** The Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) has developed a draft protocol that facilitates Internet searches across multiple databases, making information retrieval more efficient.

ISAC recommends that USGS prioritize Performance Element OC.8.2.5 (improving and expanding participation in GISIN) because of the supporting role this protocol can play in all facets of the National Invasive Species Management Plan. USGS should be provided adequate resources to achieve this performance element.

**Recommendation 6:** ISAC recommends that NISC (staff) communicate with all executive branch departments and federal agencies to emphasize agency responsibilities under Sec.2 of EO 13112 for actions of the agency which may affect the status of invasive species.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth J. Zimmerman".

Kenneth J. Zimmerman  
Chairman, Invasive Species Advisory Committee  
Lone Tree Cattle Company

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