



PREVENTION SESSION AGENDA

February 29, 2012

8:00am – 4:45pm

Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel (NISAW Venue)

Washington, D.C.

Prevention is widely regarded as the *first line of defense* in any successful invasive species management program, and traditionally considered the most cost efficient approach against any aquatic or terrestrial invader. This special interdisciplinary session will discuss the broad issues associated with the *Prevention of Invasive Species in the United States* and will explore many facets and challenges across “all taxa”.

Session Objective: Using a set of “teaser” questions, open a dialog on the varied aspects of prevention, with the goal of compiling and synthesizing new ideas and identifying new and emerging issues that to use and improve our national efforts to prevent invasive species. Each component will be facilitated.

Session Outcome: Using the results of this session, NISC, FICMNEW, ANSTF, and ITAP will collaborate to develop a summary product to help advance invasive species prevention activities in the United States, building upon past NISC and ISAC efforts related to invasive species prevention. The objective is to improve prevention of invasive species introductions and spread across all taxa, and across all ecosystems and jurisdictions.

Agenda

8:00am	Welcome, Introduction, and Overview	Stanley Burgiel, Susan Mangin, and Jenny Ericson
8:30am	Session Facilitation and Process	Facilitators: Jane, Kathy, and Alexandra
9:00am	Session 1 (Prevention at Various Scales)	Facilitators
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the different scales we need to address? How do we deal with multi-jurisdictional invasive species problems? • How do we deal with differences in prevention practices across agencies, programs, etc.? • What are the policy implications of requiring or implementing prevention measures? • How can we build a better understanding of the challenges for implementing prevention measures that span the county, state, federal level for implementing prevention measures at boundaries? 	
10:15am	BREAK	

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10:30am	<p>Session 2 (Identifying and Filling Knowledge Gaps)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the technological, political, or informational gaps for prevention across taxonomy groups and how can we work together to span those gaps? • How do we address imbalances between best available technologies and more stringent requirements in prevention measures? • What are some of the positive and negative aspects of implementing prevention measures or techniques? • How do we determine what level of risk is acceptable? How does this apply across taxa and across administrative scales? 	Facilitators
11:45am	LUNCH (provided)	
1:00pm	<p>Session 3 (Approaches and Integration & Coordination)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we base prevention on pathways, vectors, specific species or a combination of approaches? • Do we need risk assessments for all prevention measures, pathways, vectors, or species? • How can we better integrate and coordinate regulatory and non-regulatory approaches? • How (and who) should evaluate prevention measures? What level of confidence or scientific basis is adequate? • How can we create a national network to form links, partnerships and information sharing? What kind of national coordination platform would be most useful? • What are the next steps for prevention in the invasive species community at the state, local, state and federal levels? 	Facilitators
3:00pm	BREAK	
3:15pm	<p>Session 4 (Communication)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we develop a National Message for Prevention – Keeping things ‘cleaner’ regardless of the taxonomy? How do we get that message to stick? • What social marketing and public outreach tools are effective? How can we replicate and expand their use? • How can we improve the odds that raising public awareness will result in changing in behavior? • Should we promote un-proven prevention practices? 	Facilitators
4:15pm	Wrap-up and Next Steps	FICMNEW/NISC/ANSTF/ITAP
4:30-4:45pm	Adjourn	

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