National Invasive Species Council (NISC) Briefing

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Executive Order 13112  (Issued in February of 1999)

NISC was established by EO to ensure that Federal activities are coordinated, complimentary, cost-efficient and effective

Council’s Co-Chairs:  Secretaries of Interior, Agriculture & Commerce

Members:  DOT, DOD, Treasury, DOS, EPA, HHS, USAID; USTR, DHS, & NASA.

Advisory Committee:  Non-federal stakeholders and experts from industry, academia, NGOs, etc.
An *invasive species* is defined by *Executive Order (EO) 13112* as:

- a species that is not native (or alien) to the ecosystem under consideration
- a species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.
Federal Activities On Invasive Species

Over 30 U.S. Federal agencies and departments deal with invasive species

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (NOAA/DOC)
  - covers many aquatic invasive species issues – Sanctuaries, ESA
- Department of the Interior (DOI)
  - covers public lands invasive species issues, regulates fish and wildlife species determined to be injurious
- Department of Agriculture (USDA) ***
  - covers plant pests, noxious weeds, and invasive species that harm livestock and poultry (animal quarantine laws)
Federal Activities On Invasive Species (cont’d.)

- **Department of Defense (DOD)**
  - manages military lands, transports personnel and equipment, conducts operations overseas
  - USACE

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
  - regulates water quality, pesticides and herbicides, and conducts research

- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
  - Highway plantings, FAA regulations

- **NASA**
  - Remote sensing, data
Federal Activities On Invasive Species (cont’d.)

- **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**
  - Border Security – primary inspections of people and goods
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**
  - Address invasive species primarily as impacts Human health (mostly vectors)
- **Agency for International Development (USAID), United States Trade Representative (USTR), and the State Department**
  - Conventions, regional fora
  - Free Trade Agreements
  - Disaster response
  - Development/Assistance
NISC Agencies
Spending by Agency

* 2012 Actual Budget; 2013 Enacted Budget

*DHS
*DOC(NOAA)*
*DOD(USACE)*
*USDA*
*DOI*
*DOS*
*USAID*

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Meet the Invasive Species Challenge Know the NISC Plan, Manage the Problem. PREPARE, PREVENT, PROTECT.
Regional Coordination Lessons Learned

1) You need Champions.

2) Invasive species issues are inherently multi-disciplinary. Use this to your advantage.
   – Building your partnership
   – Building your case
   – The same message from multiple directions
   – Tie into the big picture

3) Meet. Strategize. Stay in touch. See opportunities for each other that benefit the big picture.
Questions?

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