

Asian Carp Working Group

Meeting Purpose and Expectations

Purpose: The purpose of the Asian Carp Working Group meeting is to begin a collaborative process of developing an integrated national Management Plan for four species of Asian Carp: bighead carp, silver carp, grass carp, and black carp. Partners and stakeholders have been invited to participate on the Working Group to further develop the proposed management and control objectives, actions plans, and implementation time tables.

Expectations: An inclusive process will be used to begin the development of an integrated national management plan for Asian carp. The ideas and information collectively explored during this meeting will be documented and used to develop a draft management plan. Subject matter experts will be invited to participate in drafting, reviewing, and commenting on the management plan as it is developed. Once finalized the draft management plan will be submitted to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force for implementation approval.

Process: This meeting will build from the Asian Carp Management and Control Workshop hosted by Region 3 in St. Louis in April of 2000. The results of that meeting are published in a proceedings document and will provide essential background information that should be reviewed prior to the May 24th 2004, Asian Carp Working Group meeting. Participants will work in breakout groups to develop action plans and implementation time tables to accomplish the management plan goals and objectives. The results of the breakout sessions will be documented and used to compose a draft management plan following the meeting. Working Group participants will be asked to review and comment on components of the Management Plan as they are drafted.

Breakout Sessions

Purpose: The purpose of the breakout sessions is to have small groups of subject matter experts discuss in detail the management plan objectives and develop action plans and implementation time tables to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives of the management plan.

Expectations: The breakout sessions have two principle objectives: 1) collectively explore and develop ideas into action plans and implementation time tables that will be used to draft the management plan, and 2) identify subject matter experts interested in drafting components of the plan.

Process: Work group participants will be asked to review and familiarize themselves with the Proceedings of the 2000 Asian Carp Management and Control Workshop prior to the May 24th Working Group meeting. The objectives for the management plan have been grouped into 4 topics: preventing spread, detection and monitoring, controlling populations and abatement, and research needs and information exchange. Each breakout group will address the objectives of two assigned topic areas. Working from the 2000 Proceedings, the breakout groups will develop action plans and implementation time tables to successfully accomplish each of the objectives.