



Midwestern Governors Association Aquatic Invasive Species Policy Maker Summit

June 27 – 28, 2013

McKnight Foundation
710 South 2nd Street | Suite 400 | Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 27

11:30 am Welcome, Introductions & Buffet Lunch

- *Jesse Heier, Executive Director, Midwestern Governors Association*
- *Kate Wolford, President, McKnight Foundation*
- *Governor Mark Dayton*

12:30 pm The Urgency & Importance of Addressing Aquatic Invasive Species in the Midwest

- *Paul Aasen, Minneapolis City Coordinator*

12:45 pm Panel Discussion: Federal Perspectives & Initiatives

- *Margaret M. (Peg) Brady, Senior Policy Liaison to the NISC & acting ANSTF Co-Chair, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)*
- *John Goss, Asian Carp Director, White House Council on Environmental Quality & Chair, Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee*
- *Mike Jawson, Director, Upper Midwest Environmental Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)*
- *Charles Wooley, Deputy Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3*

1:45 pm Break

2:15 pm State Program Examples: Structures, Priorities and Challenges

- *Jason Goeckler, Fisheries Research Supervisor, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism*
- *Kevin Irons, Program Manager, Aquaculture & Aquatic Nuisance Species Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources*
- *Ann Pierce, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*
- *Chris Vitello, Fisheries Division Chief, Missouri Department of Conservation*
- *Bob Wakeman, Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources*

- 3:45 pm** **Group Discussion: What Would It Take to Solve the Problem of AIS?**
A big-picture discussion of what options might be available to control and eradicate invasive species if we were not constrained by personal definitions of what is “feasible” (economically, politically, etc.)
- 4:30 pm** **Selecting Topic(s) for Deep Dive on Day 2**
A discussion of what options for cross-state coordination and/or collaborative action offer the greatest opportunity for impact and can be concretely advanced through conversation on Day 2 (selecting no more than two)
- 5:30 pm** **Adjourn for Riverboat Tour**
- 6:00 –** **Minneapolis Queen Riverboat Tour**
8:00 pm *Bohemian Flats Park, 2150 West River Parkway South, Minneapolis, MN*

June 28

- 8:00 am** **Breakfast**
- 8:30 am** **Deep Dive on Issue/Opportunity 1 (chosen by participants from short list of options listed below)**
- 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:15 am** **Deep Dive on Issue/Opportunity 2 (chosen by participants from short list of options listed below)**
- 11:45 am** **Wrap-up and Discussion of Collaboration Opportunities/Next Steps**
- 12:00 pm** **Adjourn with Box Lunches Provided**

Optional Topics for Deep Dive Discussions:

- Joint education, outreach and marketing efforts
- Aligning and streamlining processes to adopt new control technologies
- Aligning policy and enforcement efforts (including “black lists”)
- Identifying and addressing research gaps/needs
- Bolstering and sustaining AIS/ANS funding (outside of and beyond the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative)