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INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Nicole Angeli, PhD (VI)
Vice-Chair: Kim Bogenschutz (IA)

Date: Tues March 26th, 2024
Time: 9:00-12:00 pm CT

89th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
TBD
Grand Rapids, MI

Agenda

- 9:00 am **Call to Order/Introductions/ Review of Agenda**
Dr. Nicole Angeli, U.S. Virgin Islands Division of Fish and Wildlife
- 9:10 **Government Affairs Updates w/ Q & A**
TBD
- 9:20 **Prussian Carp Update**
Dr. Patrick M. Kočovský, United States Geological Survey
- 9:30 **AIS Commission: Policy Development & Advocacy**
Connor Bevan, American Sportfishing Association (ASA)

In 2023, the AIS Commission published a report detailing its findings and recommendations, drawing from the expertise of leading scientists, conservationists, anglers, tribal leaders, boaters, business leaders, and policy experts. Since then, the Commission has worked to translate its recommendations into practicable policy, and begun legislative outreach to advance its recommendations for federal policy. This presentation will cover the Commission's work to develop legislative language from its recommendations, as well as its outreach and advocacy to date.

- 9:50 **Partner Updates**
USFWS- TBD
ANS Task Force – Kim Bogenschutz
NISC ISAC - Dr. Nicole Angeli
USGS – Paul Heimowitz
USDA/APHIS – Jessica Fantinato
- 10:35 **Break**
- 10:45 **Michigan's Invasive Species Program**
Katie Grzesiak, Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Learn about Michigan's multi-faceted, collaborative approach to invasive species management as well as highlights from 2023, including ramping up Hemlock Woolly Adelgid control and response to a credible nutria report.

11:15

State, Federal & Partner Roundtable

One representative per state agency highlights a couple of legislative and policy initiatives or issues

- **Feral Swine Working Group** – Bryant White
- **USDA Forest Service Update**- Kerry Wixted

11:55

Wrap-up

12:00 pm

Adjourn