ATTENTION: On Feb. 28, 2012, 10:00 EST, NISC staff was informed that any events sponsored by the Department of the Interior during NISAW 2013 are CANCELLED. This includes all events at the Sheraton Hotel in Arlington, VA. Any events NOT sponsored by DOI will go on as scheduled. Below is the revised schedule.

Schedule of Events (Revised)
Sunday, March 3 – Friday March 8, 2013

See www.nisaw.org for individual event agendas as they become available

Sunday, March 3, 2013

Noon - 3 pm  Invasive Species Kids Day
U.S. Botanic Garden
100 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20024

The beautiful United States Botanic Garden in downtown Washington, DC hosts an interactive event with demonstrations of invasive species issues to entertain and educate kids -- including face painting, magic, games and invasive species displays.

Monday, March 4, 2013

TRAVEL DAY

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

7:30 – 11:30  Onsite Registration

8:00 – 10:00 am  Combined Fire and Invasive Species Meeting
Sheraton Hotel (Hotel Ballroom)
900 South Orme Street
Arlington, VA 22204

This meeting will bring together the Interagency Fire group with agency invasive species experts. The meeting will discuss the current and needed integration of invasive species prevention needs and fire activities. The discussion will focus fire guidelines, training, role of resource advisors and the role of local invasive species expertise during a fire event.
Effective management of the spread and impacts of invasive species inherently requires coordination across multiple facets (e.g., policy and governance, monitoring, management, information, funding). While many past NISAW sessions have explicitly focused on the role of federal agencies, a number of recommendations have pointed to needs in facilitating communication across states. State coordination is happening at the regional level as evidenced by regional aquatic nuisance species panels and efforts in the Pacific Northwest on firewood and other pathways. The broader need is arguably coordination across regions, as well as issues that may be significant to a majority of states. This session will be an open-ended discussion to identify practical steps for improving coordination and communication on invasive species concerns important to states.

Administration officials will present the National Invasive Species Achievement Awards to recognize leadership, volunteerism, lifetime achievement and outreach and education contributing to the prevention and control of invasive species by individuals and organizations at this NISAW luncheon. (Award Overview and Nomination criteria are posted on www.nisaw.org)

Invasive species negatively impact efforts to address critical island issues such as climate change adaptation, food security, conservation of biodiversity and development of sustainable green economies. While the impacts of invasive species on islands are often immense and immediate, Islands also have unique opportunities to prevent, mitigate or eradicate invasive species threats. In this session, policy leaders and invasive species experts from islands in the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the Caribbean Sea will discuss the broad range of invasive species challenges they face and how leadership, coordination with allied issues and cooperation with partners are key ingredients to their biosecurity, control and eradication efforts.
6:00 – 8:00 pm  **Reception: Invasive Species on the Menu –**  
*National Aquarium*  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue Northwest  
Washington, DC 20227

Eating invasive species (such as Asian carp, lion fish and feral swine) has been in the news recently as one way to utilize and reduce the numbers of invasive species. The National Aquarium at the Department of Commerce is hosting a reception where invasive species will be served and the advantages and disadvantages of this approach will be discussed for an educational and entertaining evening.

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**Wednesday, March 6, 2013**

9:00 -11:00 am  **Invasive Species Are Important to Corporations Too**  
*Sheraton Hotel Pentagon City (Hotel Ballroom)*  
900 South Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204

Corporate lands are an integral part of connected communities. They create wildlife habitat and healthy ecosystems. The *Wildlife Habitat Council* will lead a discussion among a range of corporate site managers and other experts concerning how they have met their invasive species challenges and achieved their habitat conservation and place-based learning goals.

11:00 – 12:30 pm  **National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species**  
Biofuels, GE Salmon and Live Animal Imports: NECIS Perspectives on Keeping Invasive Species at bay.  
*Sheraton Hotel Pentagon City (Hotel Ballroom)*  
900 South Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204

In conjunction with the 2013 National Invasive Species Awareness Week, the National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species (NECIS) is hosting a panel of speakers to address a range of up and coming invasive species issues.
1:00 – 5:00 pm  Forum on the Federal Regulatory Framework for Controlling the Movement of Invasive Species and Updates on National Coordination Efforts
Room 7000 A/B
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

This half-day program will provide federal agency policy makers and legal specialists with an overview of the federal and state legal and regulatory framework to manage the movement of aquatic invasive species. Panelists will present several case studies from Quagga mussels to Asian carp to illustrate challenges associated with the existing framework and offer potential solutions to address gaps and inconsistencies. Meeting organizers are seeking CLE-credit certification.

1:00 - 3:00 pm  Communicating about terrestrial invasive species: can we “Stop Terrestrial Hitchikers?”

THIS SESSION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A WEBINAR:

Please email Mindy Wilkinson for webinar details at: Melinda.Wilkinson@wisconsin.gov

The national campaign to “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” has created a unified message and recognizable logo that has been picked up by state and local partners. There have been many advantages including a consistent prevention message for boaters and anglers. There are several individual messages focused on terrestrial pathways including “Don’t Move Firewood” and quarantine pests “Don’t Pack a Pest” but is there a general alternative that could be more broadly applied? Minnesota’s recently developed “PlayCleanGo” and several other state efforts will be presented and a discussion will follow on the level of interest in finding an equivalent message to “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers” and the next steps to get this message out.

6:00 - 9:00 pm  Congressional Reception (NISAW and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)
Rayburn House Building
45 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20515

Congressional Reception hosted by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and many other partners to celebrate National Invasive Species Awareness Week and honor Congressional Champions of Wildlife and Their Habitats (Registration Required).
Thursday, March 7, 2013

8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
**Meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee**  
*Sheraton Hotel Pentagon City (Hotel Ballroom)*  
900 South Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204

The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) is a nonfederal committee that provides recommendations and advice to the National Invasive Species Council. ISAC will hold their spring 2013 meeting during NISAW, which is open to the public. Additional information about this meeting and a detailed agenda will be posted on [www.invasivespecies.gov](http://www.invasivespecies.gov) and the NISAW website by early February of 2013.

Noon – 1 pm  
**Capitol Hill Staff Briefing and Lunch**  
Invasive Weeds and Bioenergy Crops: Economic boon or environmental disaster?  
1302 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20024

Bioenergy crops are being selected for rapid growth rates, low input requirements, and tolerance of poor growing conditions—traits shared by many of our worst invasive plants—to meet federal renewable fuel mandates. Dr. Jacob Barney, Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech in the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science, will present the latest research on the economic and environmental pros and cons of incentivizing fast growing invasive plants as biofuel feedstocks. Sponsored by The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) and the National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research (N-CFAR). Open to the public.

Friday, March 8, 2013

8:30 am – 5:00 pm  
**Meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee**  
*Sheraton Hotel Pentagon City (Hotel Ballroom)*  
900 South Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204