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The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) will use federal funds transferred from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to support essential functions of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species (Panel). The Panel provides a framework for multi-jurisdictional coordination and collaboration with respect to non-indigenous aquatic invasive species (AIS), focusing on areas of information/education and research and policy. The GLC, in serving as coordinator and staff support for the Panel, will assist in the development, implementation and coordination of panel activities with a particular focus on outreach through the Panel's Information/Education (I/E) Committee.

The GLC will provide primary staff support for the I/E Committee. Activities will include arrangements for meetings and conferences, preparation of presentations, and the identification of committee priorities and recommendations. The GLC will also support the continued publication of an aquatic nuisance species newsletter, the ANS Update, which features articles on emerging AIS issues in the areas of science and policy. The GLC will also enhance inter-regional and interjurisdictional communication through the management of several websites presenting information on AIS issues. In addition, staff will maintain the AIS panel email lists and exchange information with the Panel and other interested stakeholders crossing jurisdictional lines.