

Note to Reviewers

- The Seaplane Risk Analysis NOFO is to be posted under CFDA 15.608 Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, as a cooperative agreement using up to \$100,000 of Service funds (\$50K from Prevention and \$50K from Quagga and Zebra Mussels funding), plus \$20,000 from Bureau of Reclamation, \$15,000 from Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and \$5,000 from Seaplane Pilots Association (SPA). The expected award amount is \$100,000 to \$140,000, to encourage cost-competitive applications.
- We received the funds from Reclamation and SPA, and are in the final stages of arranging for funds transfer from TRPA.
- The Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force [Strategic Plan for 2020-2025](#) (Objective 2.2 and 2.3), identifies a need to evaluate and prioritize pathways, develop risk management strategies, and encourage implementation of non-regulatory and regulatory measures to prevent the establishment and spread of AIS in waters of the United States.
- The risk analysis will consist of two components: a risk assessment of the seaplane pathway and recommended management options.
- The information from the risk analysis will provide a basis for the ANS Task Force to encourage non-regulatory and regulatory measures to prevent the establishment and spread of AIS in waters of the United States through the seaplane pathway.
- The opportunity will be open to all. Applications will be evaluated by a review team (comprised on Service staff, ANS Task Force Prevention Subcommittee members, and invited subject matter experts) based on proposed approach, experience and capabilities, cost effectiveness, and a contingency plan. The review team will provide recommendations to the Service. The Service will make the final award selection.
- The Service will meet regularly with the grantee. Prior to meetings with the grantee the Service will meet with a work group of the ANSTF Prevention Committee to obtain their feedback on progress and direction.
- The risk analysis supports the Service mission and the ANSTF Strategic Plan.

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