

# **Working Group 21**

## **Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species**

**Terms of Reference**

# WG-21 History

- PICES XV (2005) Vladivostok
  - Terms of Reference Developed and creation of WG21 approved
- PICES XVI (2006) Yokohama
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- PICES XVI (2007) Victoria
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting and Launch of Database Project
- Busan (March 2008)
  - Intersessional Database Meeting
- PICES XVII (2008) Dalian
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> Rapid Assessment Survey

# ToR cont'd

## **1) Assesses the status of Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species in the PICES area by:**

- completing an inventory of currently reported estuarine and marine aquatic non-indigenous species in PICES member countries;
- compiling definitions of terms and making recommendations on use of terms;
- summarizing the situation on bioinvasions in the North Pacific; and
- comparing and contrasting to other regions.

## **2) Assemble an inventory of expertise and programs related Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species in PICES member countries by:**

- compiling a list of existing databases of Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species experts; and
- compiling sources of information on relevant national research and monitoring programs in PICES member countries.

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## **3) Prevention and mitigation measures:**

- summarize initiatives on prevention and mitigation measures (e.g., ICES Code of Practice for the Introduction and Transfer of Marine Organisms; IMO Ballast Water Management Convention and national policies of PICES member countries); and
- develop recommendations for best practices for prevention and mitigation.

## **4) Promote collaboration between ICES and PICES Working Groups on Non-Indigenous Species by:**

- holding joint meetings of the ICES and PICES WG-21 as conveniently as practical; and
- developing and recommending an approach for enhances linkages between ICES and PICES on Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species.

# ToR cont'd

- 5) Develop a comprehensive Non-Indigenous Aquatic Database.**
- 6) Establish a North Pacific Marine Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species taxonomy initiative.**
- 7) Publish an interim report in 2010 and a final report in 2012 summarizing results and recommendations.**