

# STATE DOCUMENT



## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12

### Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Task Force on Invasive Species

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has some of the most beautiful lakes, rivers and forests in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State's natural resources must be preserved and protected for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, invasive species, both plant and aquatic, are harmful in that they disrupt Wisconsin's natural ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, in the year 2000 alone, economic losses and control measures cost more than \$138 billion in the United States; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT McCALLUM**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Wisconsin, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Advisory Task Force on Invasive Species (hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force"); and
2. Provide that the Task Force shall consist of not more than twenty (20) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the Governor shall designate two (2) members of the Task Force as co-chairs to serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Governor; and
4. Provide that the Task Force shall have the following mission:
  - a. Evaluate the severity of the induction and spread of invasive species in Wisconsin; and
  - b. Develop a statewide control plan to combat the induction and spread of invasive species; and
  - c. Identify and obtain federal funding to be used in the implementation of the statewide plan.
5. Require the Task Force to prepare and submit a report to the Governor detailing its findings and recommendations; and

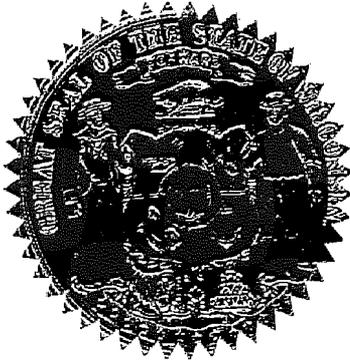
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6. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with such sums of money as are necessary for the travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
7. Provide that the Task Force dissolve upon the acceptance of its final report by the Office of the Governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-third day of May in the year two thousand and one.

Handwritten signature of Scott McCallum in cursive script.

Scott McCallum  
Governor

By the Governor:

Handwritten signature of Douglas La Follette in cursive script.

Douglas La Follette  
Secretary of State