Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition (RRISC) Hosts Third Annual Congressional Reception and Award Ceremony

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Washington, D.C. – In cooperation with Representatives Mike Thompson (D-CA) and Dan Benishek (R-MI) as Co-Chairs of the Congressional Invasive Species Caucus, RRISC hosted its third annual Congressional reception and Awards Ceremony on June 15th.

Attendees learned how the economy, environment, and public health are affected by Invasive Species in every Congressional District. During the event, RRISC recognized several individuals and organizations from all over the country who display excellence in reducing the risks and adverse effects of invasive species. Awardees ranged from state, local, and federal government agencies, volunteers, and private companies.

Representative Benishek thanked RRISC President, Scott Cameron and said: "Finding ways to effectively combat invasive species, which are both harmful to the environment and the economy in Northern Michigan and around the country, has been a key priority of mine since coming to Congress. I was excited to partner with Rep. Thompson to found the Congressional Invasive Species Caucus, and I have been pleased to work with groups like RRISC to make progress on this important issue."

Representative Thompson said "Invasive species pose a threat to our economy and to communities across our country. I look forward to continuing to work with RRISC to better protect our resources and water infrastructure."

About Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition

The Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition (RRISC) seeks to reduce the risks posed by invasive species to the economy, environment, and public health by educating Americans about those risks and promoting cost-effective non-regulatory risk-based strategies for reducing them.

A list of the awards and winners is attached. More information about RRISC and the annual awards can be found at: www.rrisc.org

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Our 2016 Award Winners

Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By a Regional Entity in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

Lincoln County, Montana, Weed Department
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By a Local Government in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

Michael Hoff
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By a Federal Employee in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

Anthony Koop
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By a Federal Employee in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

Anna Schrenk
Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By a Volunteer Organization in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

Trojan Marinex
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By an International Corporation in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

Mussel Dogs
In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement
By a Private Sector Company in Protecting America’s Environment and Economy

American Lumber Standard Committee
In Recognition of Best Practices in Reducing Phytosanitary Risks from Wood Packaging to Protect America’s Environment and Economy