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SUBJECT: Recommendation for the removal of the Interagency Working Group.

After reviews of the HISC strategy in 2008 we concluded that currently active interagency working groups, namely the prevention, established pests, public outreach, resources and research technology are positioned to deal with any invasive species issue that may come up. The Interagency Working Group which was to be chaired by DOT has not met since the HISC working groups were formed. This is because all pertinent issues are easily covered within the other working groups for which the participation of all member agencies is expected. In addition the main HISC council meeting is an appropriate forum for broader interagency issues to be addressed.

Recommend: That the Interagency Working Group be removed and its responsibilities covered by the other working groups.