

# Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

April 12, 2017 at 10:30 am mountain time

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## Agenda

- A) Approval of March minutes - Leah Elwell – Tammy, John, minutes approved.
- B) Ex Comm Vacancy Update – Leah -
- C) Coordinating the coordination update - Elizabeth Brown
  - a. WDAFS – May 22-25 2017, Missoula (Leah) – the AIS symposium is on track and ready to go.
  - b. WAFWA Summer Meeting – July 6-11 in Vail CO – Reid DeWalt (CO Parks and Wildlife) is the current chair of the AIS subcommittee. The following were discussed last week at BC IV as items for the WAFWA meeting.
    - i. Report back on the progress that has been made since last year.
    - ii. Stephanie will update the plant and plug rules in advance of the upcoming AFWA meeting.
    - iii. AFWA fish chiefs – Direct requests – recommendation for law enforcement – committee will help draft up something (WA – Lt. Eric Anderson, Beth – Wyoming – Monica – TX, James – NM, Dennis – Tahoe, Scott and Nate – Utah)
    - iv. State Wildlife Action Plan - White-nosed bat syndrome and African clawed frogs – classify those pathogens as invasive (they cross over into other components in our department – IS can affect fish and game. Build on that momentum of understanding). Ensure AIS is available for those funds. ASK: Each state to include IS in their wildlife action plans. Priya will find out cycle for updates and approvals. States will provide information on the integration of invasive species in State Wildlife Action Plans – compilation.
    - v. Thank fish chiefs for allowing people to attend – what has been achieved – what still needs to be done – participating in BC allows each state will have a voice.

At previous WAFWA meetings, Elizabeth asked for meetings with their enforcement and Outreach and Education committees. Dual requests could be successful. There is currently not complete consensus on drying time, however it is anticipated that the topic will come up at WAFWA. Not ready for WAFWA to take action on the drying time issue. If there is a gap in consensus (e.g. on drying time) does this motivate the need for a research proposal via QZAP? At the WAFWA meeting, there is a need to retain the fact that the AIS coordinators are the subject matter experts and they are assisting in the implementation.

- c. ISAC – next meeting July 18-20 in DC; they just approved a state-federal coordination white paper.

- d. PNWER – The group will meet in July in Portland.
  - e. WGA – Leah and Elizabeth – WGA will meet in Whitefish, MT in late June. Elizabeth will be talking with Bill Whitacre next week.
  - f. National Invasive Species Council is potentially meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup> on the tails of the WGA meeting in Whitefish. Focus is keeping mussels out of the Columbia and containment on the Colorado. Nevada and Colorado were specifically mentioned. There are 6 discussion committees all on dreissenid movement in the west. WID committee is being chaired by NPS. Other committees – Site species and monitoring (USGS); science research (USGS), best practices for infrastructure (BOR); social marketing (FWS). For this meeting the trick will be to build on what has already been created.
  - g. Slide Anchor – Elizabeth – moving forward with the completion of a plate for anchors that encourages Clean, Drain, Dry.
- D) Legislation update – Elizabeth
- a. Lacey Act court decision for injurious wildlife ruling was made last week.
  - b. TX legislator introduced legislation that would exempt water providers on infested waters from Lacey Act.
  - c. No movement on Heathy Habitats.
- E) WRP Website update – Leah – She continues to work with Linda Beck USFWS Region1 on making web changes. A new technical addition has been to add google analytics to the web pages to help the WRP build a better website.
- F) WRP Committee/Working Group Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
- a. Annual Meeting 2017 Committee – Leah – San Diego. The planning team has been meeting and the agenda is underway. April 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for abstract submission for presenters. Tammy has contacted researcher Lars Anderson to present on success coastal caulerpa control. Could a hotel night could be provided? The Ex Comm will evaluate as the agenda comes together and will get back to him. Leah will get budget and projected expenses for the meeting for the next Ex Comm call. It was determined that Leah should look for space to accommodate potential Tuesday pre-meetings such as a WISCE meeting and the BC Reach Committee.
  - b. ANSTF Meeting Spring 2017 – Dennis Zabaglo – May 2-4 hosting the ANSTF spring meeting at the Tahoe Resort Hotel. Day 1 western focused agenda with field trip. Day 2-3 is ANSTF strategic planning and business.
  - c. Building Consensus Workgroup – Lisa DeBruyckere was asked by Joanne and Stephen to create a website to show off the [www.buildingconsensusinthewest.org](http://www.buildingconsensusinthewest.org) Ideally this would be one place to look for standards in the USA. How do we let the newbies find the information when developing programs? Is westernais.org really the best place? The Ex Comm will take a look at the new website send to Leah ASAP by the end of next week and funnel comments back to Lisa.
  - d. In general on the “reach” of BC. Everyone has different ideas of the origins of the BC. WGA (and others in leadership) should be pointed to the standards created. There is a need to document the history of the process, but are also looking for BC to be

implemented. Opportunity to implement and get more support for implementation. Consensus on who we are and enough of a background so outsiders can understand. *Who we are what we have done and where are we going*. And how can you help us get there! We have been working for the attention of the fish chiefs, governors, and secretaries. Timeline in interim to package the accomplishments, gaps, what needs to still happen and identify the support needed to get there for a potential NISC/WGA meeting in June? Combine Ex Comm and Inreach to get more input and more perspectives. **April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am mountain with folks to discuss**. Members that are currently on the Inreach team include Boos, Glenn, Stephanie, Pryia. Those discussions on Reach may feed into the WGA /NISC meeting. Dennis made a motion for the new website to change the title to include “A committee of the WRP on ANS”, and Tammy seconded. All in favor. Side note: the WRP needs a new logo or at least a digital revamp.

- i. Lab Standards – report from Chair Steve Wells – no report
  - ii. Legal – report from Stephanie Showalter Otts – no report; information was provided last week in Albuquerque.
  - iii. Inreach –Tammy Davis – There are several items that the committee will be working on including identifying target audiences and deliverables. Uninformed audiences are a focus.
  - iv. Outreach –The ultimate status of this committee is not clear after the BC meeting last week. One of the outcomes in Albuquerque was that Lisa and Leah would draft a Communication Plan - outreach strategy. How does the website tie in? Because ISAN is working on the specific outreach that the committee was looking at the committee will not pursue. Might need to create a WRP outreach committee for other outreach efforts.
  - v. Sampling Protocol – report from Chair Karen Vargas. Information was provided last week in Albuquerque.
- e. Coastal Committee –report from Chair Nicole Dobroski – Tammy – Nicole just distributed the final copy of the biofouling paper and the committee will meet this afternoon. Nicole and her staff, plus Lisa, have created a very well written document. Goal was to mirror the work of BC – but we will see what type of traction occurs in light of VIDA.
- f. Membership Committee – Leah; review of proposed bylaw changes. We will need to stick to a timeline to get this all done prior to San Diego. Discuss on the May Ex Comm meeting. A rough timeline would be: May approve by Ex Comm. May/June send to Membership for 3 week review. Membership vote on changes in June/July. Send Membership Election end of July/August. Election of new members in September.
- g. New Committee Proposal – Industry Engagement at Infested Waters – Elizabeth; Tom Woolf has agreed to chair. This committee is one aspect of BC and QZAP implementation. The committee will identify tools and barriers to containment and clearly package to industry (e.g. marinas) for implementation. Got feedback at BC last week to understand from infested and negative water perspectives. CA has great interception dataset, it has the resolution down to the marina and allows use to have

direct communication with those entities. Is this private sector or industry? How will this apply to other infested water issues (e.g. European green crab) and should it be labeled QZ? Initial scope should be QZ. In the future, we may be able to deal with other AIS. John made a motion to create the committee “Stakeholder engagement at ZQ containment waters”, Tammy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

G) ANSTF Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons

- a. Education and Outreach - Elizabeth – no new news
- b. Recreational Boating Committee – Dennis and Joanne – 3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the technical paper. Deadline is in the next two weeks. Use the format that is provided. Participation at International Boat builders Exposition will likely not take place in 2017, and a broader discussion of future participation will take place as well.
- c. Economic Committee – John Wullschleger – no new news; likely to discuss at the Spring ANSTF meeting.
- d. QZAP – Stephen - USFWS Barak Shemia, who manages QZAP funding, was at BC last week. Grant has been announced. Committee of FWS people. Elizabeth will apply for funding to support the regional database. In previous years, there were meetings with AIS coordinators to help guide funding focus which emphasized policy planning collaboration and boots on the ground containment. They have a committee of FWS AIS coordinators that evaluate/score proposals. Do we want QZAP brief project reports at the Annual Meeting? Barak Shemia or the recipients could provide.
- e. NISAW –Dennis– We still continue to request that Park Service and other Department of Interior AG entities to develop rules requiring WID.

H) Announcements – ALL – Tammy –She has been asked to present at the 2017 SOBA conference in Anchorage August 28-31. Rather than just AK focused; she hopes to discuss WRP and BC.