

## **Western Regional Panel Executive Committee Monthly Conference Call Minutes**

Thursday, December 10, 2009

**Participants:** Stephen Phillips, John Wullscheger, Bob McMahon, Diane Cooper, Erin Williams, Eileen Ryce, Elizabeth Brown

Agenda items:

### **1) Quagga-Zebra Mussel Action Plan (QZAP):**

a) On November 5, 2009, the ANSTF conditionally approved the QZAP with changes.

- Eileen will make the changes and submit to ANSTF by December 21, 2009, for final approval.
- Federal members of ANSTF are going to establish a committee to determine how to proceed with implementation. Eileen requested that a member of the WRP participate on this committee.
- ANSTF Strategic Plan was discussed at the meeting. A lot of overlap existed between the TF Strategic Plan highest priority action items and the highest priority action items in QZAP.

b) Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) presentation:

**Thank you to Eileen** for providing a great presentation yesterday to the Council. Lots of questions pertaining to QZAP priorities and the Council's geographic focus in the Columbia River Basin. Rapid response fund was emphasized. The Council thanked the Panel for the work that went into putting together the Plan.

c) NISC Invasive Species Advisory Committee QZAP presentation:

**Thank you to Susan Ellis** for giving an excellent presentation in early Dec 2009 to ISAC. ISAC was strongly supportive of QZAP. Prevention subcommittee recommended that NISC agencies review QZAP and report back to them on how they will support priorities. Prevention subcommittee formed a Task team which will review agency responses at Spring 2010 meeting.

### **3) Watercraft Decontamination Efficacy Study RFP Update:**

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is awarding funds to University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Will hopefully have signed contract next week. Two other highly rated proposals were not selected, but review team is encouraging them to pursue funding. (The Panel provided the remaining QZAP support funds from FWS to this effort since it is a high priority action item in the plan.)

### **4) Annual meeting:**

WRP annual meeting will be held in Boise, Idaho, either the first or second week of October, 2010. First meeting of the organizing committee will be December 18.

### **5) Membership nominations:**

Eileen sent out an email to the listserve requesting nominations for the four new positions:

- Recreational fishing/angling,
- Recreational boating,
- Conservation, and
- Marina Operators.

Since there have been only two responses, Eileen will send out an email extending the nomination deadline to January 8, 2010. Erin and Eileen will do some outreach as well.

**6) Next Call:** Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am Pacific, 10 am Mountain, 11 am Central. (Erin and Diane will be at the NISAW conference.)