

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

Thursday, February 11, 2009

**Participants:** Karen McDowell, Tom McMahon, Erin Williams, Stephen Phillips, Kevin Anderson, Bob McMahon, Elizabeth Brown

Items discussed:

### **1) All-Panel call**

Karen participated on the all-Panel Principals call on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reviewed ANSTF draft agenda for May meeting. Several Panel Principals want to put together questions regarding expectations and TF vision of Panel activities. Some of the other Panel ExComm members will draft and circulate some questions to the Panel Principals listserve. Then the group discussed submitting these questions to the ExecSec and ANSTF before the May meeting.

Note: There is time on the May meeting agenda for QZAP.

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

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

- Erin and Eileen working on changes requested by the ANSTF.
- 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. Karen offered to participate.

### **3) Annual meeting:**

WRP annual meeting will be held in Boise, Idaho, October 6-7, 2010 with possible field trip on Oct. 8th. Planning committee is having monthly calls and arrangements are progressing.

Tentative agenda:

Tuesday, Oct. 5 = Travel day

Wednesday and Thursday (Oct. 6-7) = **Panel meeting**

Friday, Oct. 8 = Optional field trip

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

The project, with P.I. David Wong at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is progressing.

(The Panel provided the remaining QZAP support funds from FWS to this effort since it is a high priority action item in the plan.)

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

Since we've had trouble generating interest in the four new membership positions (Recreational fishing/angling, Recreational boating, Conservation, and Marina Operators), even with considerable outreach the ExComm tabled this issue until the annual meeting.

- a. Karen offered to lead the effort to get a Recreational Boating representative.
- b. Need leads for 3 other categories

- Erin will draft a bylaw re-write to have Tribal memberships set similar to State members so they aren't part of the 4-year cycle. Erin will draft this in time for voting on this issue at the 2010 annual meeting.

Other:

- Erin sent an article through her Regional newsletter for Tribes re: WRP and 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian Missouri River Basin Team.

- Bob Pitman will be retiring at the end of this month.

- Erin will send website for LCCs to ExComm; WRP list

### **6) Next Call:** Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 am Pacific, 10 am Mountain, 11 am Central.

Erin will be departing April 4<sup>th</sup> for her 60-day training assignment and will not return to the office until June 15<sup>th</sup>. She is looking at options for someone filling in for her while she is gone.