

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

Wednesday November 7, 2012 - 10 am MT

Attended by: Elizabeth Brown (Chair), Karen McDowell (Vice-Chair), Leah Elwell, Kevin Anderson, Bob McMahon, Larry Dalton, and Stephen Phillips,

Minutes

- A) Approval of Previous Call Minutes – Leah – All in approval
- B) Coordinator Monthly Update – Leah -preparation for ANSTF presentation, review of procedures doc, reimbursement correspondence, and short monthly update to list serv.
- C) Revisit of ANSTF Recommendations: Decon document – Elizabeth – Document became an Activity rather than a Recommendation to the ANSTF. It was agreed that the document is to be posted on the WRP website as a streamlined doc to the first 2-3 pages and then reference the experts list on the ANSTF website. The committee will be dormant; Leah will ask Stephanie Carman to review and bring any new changes to the next annual meeting. Leah will reach out to Stephanie to clarify.
- D) Finalizing the Salt Lake Meeting - minutes and reimbursement/budget – Leah and Karen; The annual meeting minutes shall be send out to the entire Ex Comm for a quick look over and then on to the membership for input/approval; **Leah will send the minutes to Ex Comm for a 3 week review period back in on the 30th of Nov.** There will be a final budge for travel for review on next Ex Comm call and will likely zero out the budget with Karen’s travel to ANSTF.
- E) Progress/Next Steps on Oakland Facilitation notes and WRP Procedures Document – Elizabeth. Began a discussion on the current version. Several changes were agreed upon. Scheduled a work session to finalize this and do wrap up discussions. The discussion will target the membership and voting categories. Ex Comm will review document prior to the work session. A work session call will discuss some of the major sections of the document. **Work session will be held on November 28th at 2:00pm MT.** The membership committee will review “Duties of Members“ following the finalization of current draft.
- F) 2013 Annual Meeting Update– Leah – Held the first call on October 25. Discussion was good. The 2nd and 3rd weeks of September are target dates. The event will be held on campus and use the campus hotel as well. The group also suggested leaders for several sessions within the meeting. The Committee plans to meet the last Thursday of each month. **Next call for Annual Meeting Committee is November 29th at 10 am MT.**
- G) WRP Working Group Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
 - a. AG Workshop Follow-Up – Leah – The committee is currently in review of several white papers that will be published in a legal journal soon. The committee is also actively addressing items that were highlighted in the Action Plan.
 - b. Ballast Tank – Stephen Phillips – The treatment filtration testing is moving forward and now in a position to get a contractor to test the unit. Units will be built by an ex-MasterCraft; 25K from California to contract, with CO, UT and NV contributing additional funds to the testing; project will begin in winter 2013, but will depend the

finalization of the contract with CA. Additional partners are from the Watersports Industry Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association are starting a process to build AIS-friendly boats – there is a hope that these industry leaders will work together and share information/cooperation; if this effort is successful then in the future could be incorporated in to new boats. A call to be held next week. There is a possibility that WRP may be able to endorse/offer a "blessing" of the end product on the ballast filtration product or is there a way to have federal or state agencies endorse? We may/should discuss at the WRP annual meeting.

- c. Coastal Group – Kevin Anderson –
 - i. Tsunami debris: There is no need for the WRP to play a coordination role at this time; all coastal entities continue to meet and have further conversations about how to respond, and each state has a response plan in place. However, based on feedback from the Salt lake meeting, the WRP will ask the ANSTF for guidance to help build capacity in AK to respond to infested tsunami debris.
 - ii. Green crab – last excom meeting sent out a briefing to the group. Stephen and Kevin are working with WDFW and Fisheries and Oceans Canada to convene a panel of regional experts (scientific and management from AK, BC, OR, WA, CA) to re-evaluate the level of risk that Green crab pose to this region and develop a common cross-border action plan to be implemented (with WDFW as lead agency in WA). This group, the West Coast Green Crab Action Team, last met in 2009. Anticipating some conflict on jurisdiction but there are agreements in place to address cooperative work. No call planned at this time for Coastal Group.
 - iii. Opens up a larger discussion of how does WPR collaborate and communicate with other regional AIS efforts with a goal to build relationships among these entities (e.g. PNWER, West Coast Governors Alliance - what roles will they play and WRP play). Elizabeth - What is beneficial to both entities? Stephen – suggested a session to learn what each entity is doing. Karen – points out that we do have some cross over and awareness which is good.
- d. Lab Protocols and Standards – Stephen Phillips – Essentially this effort has come to a halt, after working on it for several years, it really needs federal agency buy-in with a good budget to move forward. There is a lot of conversation going on PCR, in the meantime work on messaging when a body of water gets a positive PCR hit, specifically how best to present the information (infestation vs. detection). The issue of E-DNA with no adult animals to point to is problematic, so messaging is critical. Hoping that with continuing conversations on PCR technology that some more funding will come through, this effort will continue to be a work in progress. WRP will continue to track this subject. McMahon is also following the technology as it is moving quickly. Elizabeth encourages the WRP to stay on top of it, and anticipates that we can provide leadership somehow moving forward. Larry gave an update from Utah's perspective on E-DNA (without microscopy) results from their state had several positives and current situation in Lake Powell. Lessons learned on cross-contamination.

- e. Membership – Leah Elwell – Once the Ex Comm determines recommendations of the “Voting Positions” that is currently in review, then will initiate the first call for the committee.
- H) ANSTF Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
 - a. QZAP – Stephen Phillips-no new information
 - b. ANSTF Snakehead – John Wullschleger – no new information
 - c. Lionfish – John Wullschleger – no new information
 - d. Ballast Discharge – Karen McDowell -This group met in person, putting together some documents that will be put before the ANSTF in November. There is significant activity in the state of CA and some bills that may go through federally that may affect/override state programs.
 - e. Recreational Guidelines – John Wullschleger – no new information
 - f. Strategic Plan / Action Plan – Karen McDowell – There was a conference call in November and will be discussed at the ANSTF meeting
 - g. Climate Change/Invasive Species (joint ANSTF/ISAC ad hoc Work Group) – Kevin – has provided this info to the Ex Comm that identifies research priorities and knowledge gaps etc. If there is other information to add to this document then Ex Comm members are encouraged to do so.
 - h. NZMS – Beth Bear – no new information
- I) ANSTF November Meeting – Karen, Leah will double check the ANSTF working group lists/status when we are there in Nov.
- J) Other – Hold discussion at next Ex Comm call to address request from Tom McMahon to support travel to attend NISAW. There will likely be other requests for this.