

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

Thursday April 9th, 2015; 10 am MDT

Attended by: Stephen Phillips, Dennis Zabaglo, Joanne Grady, Tom McMahon, Beth Bear, Bob McMahon and Leah Elwell.

Minutes

- A) Approval of Previous Call Minutes - Leah Elwell. Stephen motion, Joanne second. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- B) Coordinating the coordination update – Leah – Water Sports Industry Association was reaching out to WRP trying to coordinate a call – Larry Medock is the contact; Dennis will touch base with him on a call later today to better understand their request to the WRP. It may be only consistent message content for their customers. Joanne - ABYC folks have also offered the IBEX for a booth space for KY in fall. Now we need to come up with booth content and materials. This could be something the BC outreach committee could address. People and funding will have to be designated if the WRP is to participate. Leah provided hotline update from states to Don McLean/UWFWS as the national hotline is phased out.
- C) Legislation update - Stephen Phillips; Congress has been off for recess. An attempt to get funding from WRRDA into the USCOE budget was made. Dennis –Hoping that the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act would have been introduced prior to recess, but was not. Working to have local representative to co-sponsor the bill, and hoping to release House and Senate version at same time. Includes an amendment to the Lacey Act to add quaggas as injurious species.
- D) ANSTF Spring Meeting –Recommendations - Joanne stated the second charge of the Federal Lands workgroup from the Phoenix Action plan was to reach a consistent standard among the federal agencies for management. She is not hearing conversation on addressing this. Laura Norcutt announced that she is retiring in May. Joanne, Dennis, John. Bob will all be at the May ANSTF meeting. The ongoing activities and recommendations were finalized. Ex Comm agreed the document would be submitted in the current format. Leah will submit.
- E) Clean, Drain, Dry/Wildlife Forever Status –Joanne – About a month ago Wildlife Forever sent out a newsletter that had Clean, Drain, Dry with a trademark symbol on it. Many within the Ex Comm explored if this was valid. Stephanie Showalter Ott with National Sea Grant Law Center has discussed with appropriate staff and they are monitoring any changes to the request for trademark. Joanne double checked the patent office, and WF has not replied justifying their application. If it is approved, and the public would have 30 day to submit comments. Joanne plans to periodically check in to see if there are any changes to their application.
- F) WRP Committee/Working Group Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
 - a. Annual Meeting 2015 Committee– Dennis Zabaglo; Drafting the invitations to the keynote speakers, Heller etc; He would like to send after the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act is introduced (mid-late April). The agenda is looking good. Leah will circulate the agenda to Ex Comm to discuss at the May call to give feedback to the Planning

Committee. PSMFC will support annual meeting expenses. Wyoming Game and Fish will support printing. Tom asked if the hotel could extend the government rate for Sunday check in. Leah/Dennis will review the contract and ask about. Joanne requested if BC met on Monday afternoon would space be available with TRPA.

- b. Building Consensus Workgroup – Joanne Grady - Stephanie Showalter Ott will hold a webinar on April 22, 2 pm central to recap on the Las Vegas meeting and to start talking about the first steps for building model regulations, a timeline and work plan. Federal Lands Policy group will meet tomorrow some of the new folks in Dept Interior are to address the comments from the solicitors office on the federal policy options document. The document is to be provided at ANSTF in May. She will be going to joint GL/MRBP panel meeting to update on BC and ABYC, minimums and definitions with consensus. At IBEX (boat builders) the goal is to have a booth there and a seminar will also be held on AIS. Beth will talk with Joanne about this effort.
 - i. WIDT Workgroup – Stephen – Met last month, working on UMPS III revision with Leah’s assistance, committee will review next draft in May. Main body of the document – temperature variation will be the item to discuss with ABYC; a sliding scale possibly could be created. But if boating community comes back with information on temperature impacts to boat components (temperature sensor), the document will be open to modification. Ultimately we would like to have the boat community approve of the next version. Committee needs to be comfortable with the science. Joanne asks if anyone heard from the boat motor manufacturers (Yamaha). Stephen - Dee had one person from Yamaha who indicated that they are looking at it. Observationally WID programs report very few boats have been damaged from the numerous decons that have been done. There may be a need for a decent chunk of funding to further investigate temperature effects on watercraft components. The idea is to strengthen the document in a partnership effort.
 - ii. Legal - Joanne – reported above
 - iii. Inreach – Tom – not yet assigned
 - iv. Outreach – Beth – previous items have been noted that this committee may address in the future.
 - v. Data Sharing – Joanne – Monica McGarrity with TX Parks and Wildlife wants to join the conversation and is looking at the existing app. Late July is the next meeting for the committee with the idea to regionalize the app that CO is using. If anyone wants to try the CO app to improve it, they are welcome. Robert Walters is the CO staff leading until Elizabeth returns. CO, NM, UT, TX are involved to date.
 - vi. Perimeter defense – Stephen – suggested that this subcommittee’s name be changed to “regional defense”. Many states appear to be operating at their program capacity, so that would need to be taken into account moving forward with additional stations if the WRDDA money did come through where would those stations go? This planning portion is moving and the benefit of the

exercise is to look for redundancy, and look to improve regional programs and information sharing. Lisa Debruyckere is working under PNWR contract and will have a draft report out in May. Joanne – did the USACE ever respond to ability to support inspection stations rather than just facility prevention? Stephen: Discussions are ongoing with NW division.

- c. Coastal Committee –report from Chair Nicole Dobroski - the Regional Biofouling Management Plan workshop will take place on 4/16 from 1:30 – 4 in Seattle. A draft agenda has been circulated. Stephen Phillips is helping coordinate. The group is at the beginning of where to go (similar to BC or QZAP). One of the things that will be looked at is state/federal management authorities, to determine where this type of plan will fit. If we go forward, how will this be funded? It falls under NOAA jurisdiction. Some planning funds will be needed. Discussions on the following in April; coordinated monitoring, databases, hopefully an outline, how do we get there and what does success look like.
 - d. Membership Committee– Leah - no new news
- G) ANSTF Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
- a. Ballast Discharge – TBD
 - b. Lionfish – John Wullschleger – almost completed
 - c. QZAP – Stephen – There was a QZAP Committee call yesterday and looked at the request to ANSTF for re-approval. This is not an official ANSTF species management plan. It states within the document itself that it is a 5 year plan. 2013 survey of WRP membership of QZAP showed it still stands up. Another committee call in the fall to discuss again. We should see something soon from David Britton on the funding call for QZAP 2015 projects.
 - d. Snakehead – John – almost there.
 - e. Education and Outreach - Elizabeth - no activity
 - f. SAH! Advisory Committee –Joanne –USFWS working on contracting for protectyourwaters.net to get it updated.
- H) Announcements – ALL