

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

April 15th, 2019 at 2:30 pm mountain time

Attended by: Stephen Phillips, Nate Owens, Erin Raney, John Wullschleger, Glenn Dolphin, Elizabeth Brown and Leah Elwell.

Minutes

- A) Approval of March minutes – **Stephen made a motion to pass the minutes, Nate seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**

- B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips –
 - a. Budget numbers (budget caps) are being developed in appropriations and the Energy and Water appropriations are of interest. It is not clear if funds will be added with the addition of watershed per the 2018 reauthorization of WRDA. \$15 million is the hope. The administrative fix to correct Arizona basin for Arkansas has been/will be finished.
 - b. We are watching S1081; a bill to amend title 54, US Code, to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land Water Conservation fund, and or other purposes.
 - c. Federal legislation is being tracked on the westernais.org webpage (see legislation/regs/policy tab and go to the bottom).

- C) Panel Business – Elizabeth Brown
 - a. UMPS chemical supplement Report – **John motioned that the WRP adopt the document. Stephen seconded. All in favor, motion passed.** Elizabeth will query states on the next WISCE call for state sentiment for bringing to WAFWA. Then the document can be presented to WAFWA at their summer meeting for their consideration and possible next steps (e.g. resolution, adoption, etc.).
 - b. Building Consensus Summary Report – All final corrections have been made and stakeholders have been reached out to. **Stephen motioned to approve, John seconded. All in favor, motion passed.** Stephanie Showalter Otts would like to take the introductory portion of the document to a law journal for publication. Elizabeth will have the document formatted in house. It will be shared with the ANSTF in May.
 - c. QZAP Status Report – No comments were received in the last round. **Stephen motioned to approve, Erin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
 - d. Decon unit specification – The on-demand hot water system specs have been finalized by WID Think Tank, and will be shared with membership and partners. PSMFC is working toward UMPS IV. **Stephen motioned to approve final document, Glenn seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
 - e. QZAP 2.0 – The goal is to get feedback from ANSTF at the May meeting and then begin next steps considering that discussion.
 - f. WRP Website – stay tuned.

D) Upcoming WRP Meetings

- a. ANSTF - Spring ANSTF 2019 meeting/agenda – Leah - Draft agenda has been circulated and all western speakers have been confirmed. Leah plans to attend. TRPA will be hosting the field trip with a boat trip.
- b. ANSTF Recommendations finalize – Leah will tidy up and send out to the group. The typical previous recommendations related to funding will be sent again; state plan funding; panel funding; and QZAP funding
- c. From the coastal committee:

In recognition of the passage of the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) signed by the President on December 4, 2018, we respectfully request:

- a. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) coordinate with the States to implement VIDA in a timely manner;*
- b. EPA, USCG and the ANS Task Force provide clarity to the States on the intent and timeline for the Intergovernmental Response Framework provision; and*
- c. Encourage, in coordination with States, a speedy process for development, full \$5 million appropriation as requested, and implementation of the AIS Coastal Mitigation Grant Program and Mitigation Fund.*
- d. Encourage the USCG to make public the biological efficacy discharge data for type approved ballast water systems (repeat of spring 2018 request)*

E) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- a. 2019 Annual Meeting – Leah requested keynote suggestions from the group; Several sponsors have agreed to support the meeting including Istonish for lunch, and others at \$500. Nate just learned that outreach staff at UTDW has equipment to live stream meetings and would be happy to do it for the WRP (two people will come to run and field questions). A reliable quick hardline internet connection would be the primary technological need on-site. Is there a deadline to let them know? Will revisit over the next couple months.
- b. Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin liaison – On their last committee call they discussed draft the BMP vessel brochure which are out for comments. Next the group will look into BMPS for mobile marine infrastructure and commercial fishing. The final documents will be ready in October.
- c. Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Elizabeth liaison – no new information. See above vote on document.
- d. Membership and Communication Committee – John Wullschleger – He plans to get the committee together but first plans to see if there is additional interest
- e. Outreach Committee – Chair Allison Zach; Elizabeth liaison - no new information

F) WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- a. Building Consensus – Chair Joanne Grady - no information
- b. eDNA Committee – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Nate liaison – The committee has decided on a plan of attack for the subsequent webinar and will wait until the fall for next one. The WISCE group is going to review the research questions to provide feedback, and will loop it back in context with

the Montana white paper on eDNA and science/management. The goal is to be done by October. Note there is an Invasive Mussel Collaborative webinar focused on eDNA and genomics coming up.

- c. Lab Committee (*no report – on hold until winter research completed*) – no information
 - d. Seaplane Inspection and Decontamination Committee – Chair Elizabeth Brown – no information
 - e. Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures Committee – Chair Beth Bear; Nate liaison – They are scheduling for their next call in May.
- G) ANSTF Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons – no new information
- a. Communications, Education and Outreach - Elizabeth
 - b. Prevention
 - c. Research Committee
 - i. AIS Economic Analysis – John Wullschleger
 - d. Ad-hoc Boating Committee – Dennis Zabaglo
- H) Coordinating the Coordination update
- a. PNWER – Stephen Phillips - July 21-25 Saskatoon, SK
 - b. NMMA/ABYC – Dennis Zabaglo
 - i. New committee formed under Watersports Industry Association (WSIA) that Elizabeth and Nate are serving on. The purpose is to find solutions for ballast tank transfer of ANS.
 - c. DOI Mussel Initiative – John Wullschleger – NPS projects are lined out.
 - d. WGA - Elizabeth Brown – ZQM Forum may be rescheduled for 2nd week of August in Las Vegas.
 - e. AFWA – Elizabeth Brown – March 4-8 Denver, CO – The presentation was well received and AFWA would like to stay informed on future QZAP efforts.
 - f. WAFWA – Elizabeth Brown - July 11-16 Manhattan, KS
 - g. WISCE – Elizabeth Brown
- I) Announcements – ALL
- a. UT is being forced into tracking technology (such as RFD); Nate is looking into the possibility of building it into the current Regional WID Data Sharing System? He is considering scanning bow numbers with high speed cameras rather than an attachment to a boat. There was a past QZAP proposal for RFID on boats out of Morgan UT that was not funded. At this time would technologies like this fit into a QZAP proposal?
The notion of tracking boats is historically a tough sell. There might be room for projects using cameras and scanning software? AZ has been approached with a drone and RFID technology. Erin has noted that AZ Law enforcement perspective on these technologies was positive. Legislature in UT was wanting to force it on them – but Nate has agreed to do some sort of pilot project soon.
Stephen suggested that using a committee for discussion/approach could be helpful. Erin might have time to serve as a chair/participate on a committee to help in some way. WISCE get feedback if they have been contacted and then make a game plan.

CPW is leading the Regional WID Data Sharing System Governance Committee which is positioned to evaluate new technology and collaborate on desired enhancements or improvements.