

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

Thursday May 14th, 2015; 10 am MDT

Attended by: Earl Chilton, Tom McMahon, Stephen Phillips, Dennis Zabaglo, Bob McMahon and Leah Elwell.

Minutes

- A) Approval of Previous Call Minutes - Leah Elwell –Stephen motioned to approve previous minutes, Dennis seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- B) Coordinating the coordination update –Water Sports Industry Association update - Leah spoke directly with the AIS WSIA representative and confirmed an open dialog with WRP and WSIA moving forward. WRP cannot provide any endorsement for product or company.
- C) Legislation update - Stephen Phillips – Water Resource and Restoration Development Act, AIS provision going through FY 2016 appropriations process – so far \$4 million for Columbia River Basin AIS on the House side. Dennis - Tahoe Restoration Act – The hope is to have it introduced by Memorial Day break; Stephen – At this time we are primarily anticipating decisions on Interior Appropriations.
- D) ANSTF Spring Meeting –Recap – Leah provided summary of highlights for the Ex Comm. Some of this information will be shared during the next Ex Comm call so all can be confirmed.
 - a. US Fish and Wildlife Service will hire ANSTF Executive Secretary this year
 - b. In president’s budget have requested \$47K for each panel for next fiscal year (2016)
 - c. ANSTF Charter is due for review, comments from WRP by end of May.
 - d. Reporting matrix that was used for the Report to Congress will be reviewed and panel will be asked to participate and provide updates.
 - e. Quagga Zebra Action Plan was renewed for another 5 years.
 - f. Discussion on examination of economic costs and economic services, and impacts associated with AIS. Final result was an action item for ANSTF. They will be looking into creating a publication (similar to Pemental et al.) and perhaps expand the information that was reported by Pimental et al. Some of the perceived obstacles to undertake this type of work are finding someone who could do the work and paying for it.
 - g. Building Consensus update – questions following the update included pros/cons of regulations; costs and associated sources of funding for state programs.
 - h. Federal Lands Committee – Stas Burgiel mentioned Joanne’s query of “can you stop a boat” in the presentation, but the report has not yet addressed this query. June 10th is an internal deadline; transect with Government Accountability Office AIS spending review document. Asked for completion date which was unclear. Stas Burgiel (National Invasive Species Council), who is leading the completion of the document, suggested he would work to meet our next meeting deadline.
 - i. Great Lakes Panel – Organisms in Trade webcrawler is great upcoming resource.
 - j. Brian Goodwin/American Boating and Yachting Council update – looking for Best Management Practices for manufacturers; development of a technical information

report which they are asking for \$60K to complete. Hoping to create a steering committee with resource managers and manufacturers.

- k. WRP has opportunity to update the ANSTF's Experts Database.
 - l. Brian Bohnsack, coordinator for the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, recommended reaching out this entity. Transect with States Organization for Boating Access etc.
 - m. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Peg Brady committed her and staff for Regional Marine Plan, may be a possible regional opportunity. Based on NOAA west coast team development.
 - n. Habitatitude is being re-launched in October 2015.
 - o. Erica Jensen, Great Lakes Panel coordinator, will compile National Invasive Species Act info and send out query to us to send to membership on policy changes or needs with a potential reauthorization.
 - p. June 2 - Fracking prevention committee – Beth do you want to be a part of this?
 - q. US Geological Survey for Non-indigenous Aquatic Species database will be sent out a survey for prioritizing which plants to tackle first in the database, WRP will distribute.
 - r. Fall ANSTF will be November 4 and 5 in DC at NOAA.
 - s. Not confirmed – WRP hosting a Spring ANSTF meeting. It could be 2016, however Great Lakes Panel is also in the rotation for hosting? ANSTF will determine at their fall meeting where the spring meeting will be.
- E) USFWS funding request for WRP coordination – Ex Comm will need to confirm how they will allocate the \$40,000 to the panel. Those on the line confirmed that the funding should be prioritized to coordination by Invasive Species Action Network. Leah will circulate the funding request letter to the Ex Comm for review and approval. Letter should be provided to USFWS by June 1.
- F) Election for members/Ex Comm – There will be 3 Ex Comm slots up for election. Elizabeth, Joanne and Stephen are up for re-election. The following membership slots are open: inland aquaculture, coastal NGO, regional water council, power council, pet industry, at large coastal. Vacant – EPA, APHIS, Mexican fed government, territorial government, Saskatchewan, Mexican state, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society.
- G) Budget overview – current balance is \$24,583 – Leah will put together the travel budget for the meeting and provide this to Ex Comm to assist in determining the budget for individual travel requests. Leah plans to distribute travel requests in June and during July Ex Comm call decisions could be made.
- H) WRP Committee/Working Group Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
- a. Annual Meeting 2015 Committee– Dennis Zabaglo; Review agenda; No major changes or comments on the agenda at this time. The goal is to circulate a draft of the agenda for the public and members to assist in travel requests by late May/early June. To date have received 2 donations to support the meeting. Dennis and Leah are still actively pursuing funds.
 - b. Building Consensus Workgroup – Joanne Grady

- i. WIDT Workgroup – Stephen; This committee is in active revision and refinement of Uniform minimum Protocols and Standards III. Dialog with the boat manufacturers will also take place in the review process. Input by WRP members, and those with a jurisdiction will have an opportunity to review the document.
 - ii. Legal - Joanne – No update
 - iii. Inreach – Tom – No update
 - iv. Outreach – Beth – No update
 - v. Data Sharing – Elizabeth – No update
 - vi. Regional Defense – Stephen – An online mapping tool was rolled out at the Columbia River Basin team meeting this week; inspection stations locations in the NW and coordinators will be able to access and change information. Also monitoring database could be potentially overlaid in the inspection mapping. This effort modernizes all of the data in terms inspection stations and monitoring.
 - c. Coastal Committee –Stephen –In April, committee met to discuss marine management planning which will focus on biofouling. At this time committee members are collecting rules and regulations in terms of agency marine management and prevention. Portland State University has a graduate student is working on a marine management document. The committee is looking at that as part of the basis for a regional plan and seeking some funds to move forward. Committee needs to have a larger outline of marine inter-jurisdictional document and still thinking about how the process will work.
 - d. Membership Committee– Leah – no news.
- I) ANSTF Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
- a. Ballast Discharge – TBD
 - b. Lionfish – John Wullschleger – The plan was approved at the Spring ANSTF meeting.
 - c. QZAP – Stephen – See information above regarding 5 year approval.
 - d. Snakehead – John – The plan was approved at the Spring ANSTF meeting.
 - e. Education and Outreach - Elizabeth – No update
 - f. Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Advisory Committee –Joanne - Only SAH! news at the ANSTF meeting was the pledge to continue to update the website by the USFWS.
- J) Announcements – ALL