

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

May 11, 2017 at 10:30 am mountain time

Attended by: Jeff Adams, Stephen Phillips, Elizabeth Brown, Tom Woolf, Mark Sytsma and Leah Elwell.

Minutes

- A) Approval of April minutes - Leah Elwell; hold until June call.
- B) Ex Comm participation – Tom Woolf previously with ID Dept of Agriculture has taken a job with Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks. He was just selected to serve on Ex Comm. It was agreed that the person was voted in not the agency, however in the incoming agency would need to adjust the primary and alternate positions for Montana. Ex Comm will reach out to Eileen Ryce, MT FWP Fish Chief and see if the change could be made to keep Tom on Ex Comm.
- C) Coordinating the coordination update - Elizabeth Brown
 - a. WGA - NISC June meeting – National Invasive Species Council is proposing to meet at the upcoming Western Governors Association meeting June 28th. An effort to put recommendations on dreissenid management before NISC is underway with major efforts to ensure that the work of the WRP is no lost in the process. The NISC committees have deadlines of May 22 for committee recommendations. There are still many things unclear about the June 28 meeting; who will be presenting from DOI (Jamie Reaser, NISC Secretariat?), what governors will be present (likely Colombia and Colorado River states). State entities have been added to help inform the committee recommendations.
 - b. WAFWA Summer Meeting – July 6-11 in Vail CO
 - c. WDAFS – May 22-25 2017, Missoula (Leah)
 - d. ISAC
 - e. PNWER
- D) Legislation update – Stephen Philips – update held for next meeting
- E) WRP Website update - update held for next meeting
- F) WRP Coordination Contract – By the end of May the WRP will have to submit their letter of intent for the funding which the panel receives. Since 2012 that funding has gone to coordination services from Invasive Species Action Network. Those on the phone agreed that panel funding will continue to go to coordination by ISAN. Elizabeth will circulate letter of intent to Ex Comm and provide to acting R6 FWS AIS Coordinator Dan James upon Ex Comm approval.
- G) Bylaws – proposed changes review – Discussion on proposed changes. Considerable discussion on how best to facilitate tribal participation and how that is expressed in the bylaws. Better recruitment was identified for tribal participation with many suggestions (contact known entities in AK, PNW, MT, SD, ND, NE. Also BIA could be added as a federal agency could be further discussed. Leah will incorporate changes and circulate a clean copy for approval ASAP. One Ex Comm approves, Leah will circulate to the membership for review. This will also require a full membership vote electronically. The goal is to complete bylaw revision in time for election which will take place in San Diego.

- H) WRP Committee/Working Group Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons
 - a. Annual Meeting 2019 – proposal solicitation – Ex Comm directed to solicit proposals for 2019 in late summer so the membership could discuss/vote at the fall meeting.
 - b. Annual Meeting 2018 – Some early proposal solicitation by Leah shows that the costs to hold a meeting in Seattle is pricy. Per diem hotel is \$200 and meeting space is costly. Jeff Adams will explore a previously used location (Talaris Conference Center) in WA. Others suggested exploring nearby Seattle locations of Tacoma or Bellevue.
 - c. Annual Meeting 2017 Committee – Leah provided an income/expenses report to date for San Diego. So far WRP has received \$11,000 in direct sponsors with several other committed. Some sponsors will pay for the expense directly such as AV, field trip and printing needs. Leah anticipates that additional sponsorships will also be secured in the coming months.
 - d. ANSTF Meeting Spring 2017 – Dennis Zabaglo – update held until next meeting
 - e. Building Consensus Workgroup – Joanne Grady - see WGA/NISC discussion above.
 - i. Lab Standards – report from Chair Steve Wells
 - ii. Legal – report from Stephanie Showalter Otts - Joanne
 - iii. Inreach – Tammy Davis
 - iv. Outreach – report from Chair Beth Bear
 - v. Sampling Protocol – report from Chair Karen Vargas
 - f. Coastal Committee – report from Chair Nicole Dobroski – Jeff reported there was no new information from the committee.
 - g. Membership Committee – Leah - see bylaws discussion.
 - h. Stakeholder Engagement at QZ Infested Waters – Tom Woolf has taken initial steps to engage the committee on this effort.

- I) ANSTF Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Liaisons – updates held until next meeting
 - a. Education and Outreach - Elizabeth
 - b. Recreational Boating Committee – Dennis and Joanne
 - c. Economic Committee – John Wullschleger
 - d. QZAP – Stephen
 - e. NISAW – Dennis and Stephen

- J) Announcements – ALL