

Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes

WRP Executive Committee Meeting

May 14th, 1999

Present

Andy Cohen At Large		X	
Randy Brown	CA	X	Alternate: Nate Dechoretz
Bill Harvey	TX	X	Chairman EXCOMM & WRP
Edward Theriot	USCOE	X*	Alternate: *Jim Athern
Mark Sytsma At Large		X	
Dwight Willimson			Alternate: *Wendy Raley
Derrick Toba		X	
Jodi Cassell		X	
Linda Drees	FWS	X	Panel Coordinator

*Alternate represented at meeting.

Ballast Water Exchange Study ANSTF provided the WRP with an extended time period within which to provide comments on the Ballast Water Exchange Study. The Coastal Committee drafted a letter of comment which which was received minor editorial comments from EXCOM. The letter was sent to the ANSTF co-chairs and EX Sec. of the ANSTF by the Coordinator.

Mitten Crab Fishery - The California Fish and Game Commission has been requested once again to open a experimental commercial mitten crab fishery. The WRP sent a letter this February requesting that the initial request for a commercial fishery be denied. The decision on the request was postponed. The EXCOM suggested that the Panel letter be resent with an update. The coastal committee will be requested to look at this issue. The Coordinator will contact Coastal Chair.

WGA update - The Western Governor's Association has interviewed potential candidates for invasive species position and is considering a selection.

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Proposed Agenda Items for June 9, 1999

1. ANSTF Meeting - April, 1999 Update
2. October Panel Meeting - Agenda Items
3. Mitten Crab Fishery
4. Comments on Voluntary Guidelines
5. WGA Position