

# Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

October 21st, 2019 at 2:30 pm mountain time

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## Agenda

### A.) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair - All

- **Stephen Phillips nominated Elizabeth Brown and Dennis Zabaglo for chair and vice chair, seconded by Blaine Parker. All in favor. Elizabeth Brown as Chair and Dennis Zabaglo as Vice Chair approved.**

### B.) Approval of September minutes

- **Glenn moves to approve September Executive Committee, Blaine seconds. All in favor. September minutes approved.**

### C.) Annual Meeting Debrief - All

- Blaine used livestream and had a good experience. There was good feedback from everyone who used the livestream.
- Mason reviewed the preliminary survey results. Recommendations for more discussion time. Attendees would like to see WRP reach out to boating manufacturers for sponsorship and involvement in the Annual Meeting. Suggestion for post-meeting committee gathering to plan action items. 30% of respondents said that they might forgo attending the annual meeting in person if livestream is offered in the future.
- Approximately 4-5k in profit from sponsorships.
- It may be beneficial to articulate guidelines for sponsors. There was concern expressed by attendees that sponsors were inappropriate in terms of sales and closed-door meetings to sell product. We need to make sure that sponsors are congruent with the mission of the WRP. Sponsorship needs to be about something other than lobbying. WRP has positioned itself as the group to look at, and there is a lot of money flowing to the West for mussels now. WRP should not be facilitating vendors going outside of the process. If attendees are uncomfortable having a conversation with the vendors they should get up and walk away. Vendors are turning around and saying that the WRP is supporting their product and providing endorsement. There is a position statement that a private entity's involvement in the annual meeting does not constitute endorsement. Sponsorship showcase - do we want it again? We wanted sponsors to feel like they were giving them bang for the buck. Defer to annual meeting committee to discuss this further for Alaska 2020 and Utah 2020.

D.) Elizabeth provided a visual overview of the Executive Committee Google Drive for members via gotomeeting.com.

E.) QZAP 2.0 Webinar Preparation- Elizabeth Brown – gotomeeting screen share

- Review of documents on google drive for new Ex Comm members and in preparation for the QZAP 2.0 webinar. Reviewing the document for the webinar, there could be another webinar in Nov.-Dec. The final edited draft until NISAW, which gives membership time to review before presenting final version at WRP in Alaska. Give membership time to review so that they can review draft before webinar and come prepared to webinar. Elizabeth will share the draft with membership before the webinar.
- Review section A. Increase Capacity to Prevent and Manage Invasive Mussels. Added an action item related to tribal participation. Opportunities exist to build in tribal involvement in language of WRP documents. There may be a lack of understanding in how government and tribes work together, and there should be some discussion/education within the WRP about these functions. Should there be a capacity action for tribes specifically?  
Addition of recommendation A.6: “Engage with tribal managers to build for dreissenid management and collaborate with tribes.”  
Next Step after finalizing actions items: create implementation table.  
A.8-Further outline some of the federal coordination efforts that are new and ongoing, as well as better define these efforts for the recommendations. What do we want from federal agencies? Included Executive order 13715.
- Review Section B. Prevention and Containment. List of high priority lakes came from WISCE and was later refined by WAFWA. A containment checklist was created going into WGA meeting, and it included information that could be used in developing a risk assessment to identify high-priority waters. How do we further identify other lakes that should be listed at *high-priority* (i.e. Lewis and Clark Lake)? Come back to the table after more input from WRP membership. Would like to present a list of recommendation on priority waters based on data, because those that may be infested that could have huge impact are not getting as much pressure (i.e. headwaters). Risk analysis is run every year and items are sometimes moved up/down the list. Should include criteria for listing high priority water bodies. Action item: keep thinking about what should be included in the criteria. “Modify B1 and B4 based on this assessment and improved/increased data collections in the future. Subject to adjustment based on ongoing risk analysis.”  
Objective to have inspections stations at any point where there is access to high risk water bodies and free flowing water bodies. Financial justification for routes that see very little traffic can be difficult. Continue the perimeter defense in place in the Columbia River Basin and add to other basins pending resources. Action item: Ex Com to review document adding comments and recommendations.
- Review Section C, D, E, and F.

- Need time for WRP membership to look at the documents and have some time to incorporate comments from membership. Who does it need to go to? It needs to be open to the membership. It will be circulated on 10/28. Take comments and write them down, so that others can hear input. Ask for written comments in the days following the webinar. Executive Committee should put comments on google drive ASAP. Member comments due November 11<sup>th</sup>. Then we can go to broader audience in December.

F.) ANSTF Recommendations – All

- Review of recommendation for collaboration between ABYC, NMMA, WSIA, and Decon Think Tank. Write out acronyms. **Stephen motions to approve, John Seconds. Fall ANSTF recommendations approved.**

G.) Scheduling future Ex Com calls – All

- Elizabeth will send out poll for scheduling of meeting date.