

# Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

December 18th, 2019 at 1:00 pm mountain time

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## Agenda

### A) Approval of November minutes

- a. **Allison motions to approve, Stephen seconds. All Approved. November minutes approved.**

### B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips

- a. The federal budget has been passed by the house. It will be passed by the senate today. Received synopsis of budget. 50 million from WRDA. Trump needs to sign budget by Friday. All good new. FWS budget is robust. Tahoe got 4 million. NPS money stayed flat. RAWA has passed out of the house and is going to floor vote. There's sister bill that includes language for invasive species. The bill mentions VIDA but there is not money. The EPA was told to release an implementation plan. West coast is at square one with VIDA. If the agencies can they **may** decontaminate all boats coming out.

### C) Panel Business

- a. QZAP 2.0 – Elizabeth Brown
  - i. Nothing to add.
- b. WRP Website – Mason Parker

**ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Website Transfer Agreement  
**Allison motioned to approve; Glenn seconded. All approved. Website Transfer Agreement Approved.**

### D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- a. 2020 Annual Meeting – Mason Parker
  - i. There is a contract in the works with Captain Cook's for the week of September 16-18. The Planning team has their first meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin liaison
  - i. Next Meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>
- c. Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Elizabeth Brown liaison
- d. Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
- e. Outreach Committee – Chair Allison Zach
  - i. Call on 12/17. Currently 8 members. Looking for result from surveys to summarize voter behaviors for WRP.

### E) WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- a. Building Consensus – Elizabeth Brown
- b. eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff
  - i. Last month’s meeting was cancelled waiting to be rescheduled.
- c. Lab – Chair Yale Passamenek; Elizabeth liaison
- d. Seaplane Inspection and Decontamination – Chair Elizabeth Brown
  - i. Note: Workgroup is on hold until USFWS completes national risk assessment.
- e. Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures – **Need a chair and liaison**

F) ANSTF

- a. ANSTF Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion - **Need WRP liaisons**
  - i. Prevention - Chair TBD
  - ii. Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS
  - iii. Control and Restoration - Chair TBD
  - iv. Research - Chair TBD
  - v. Education and Outreach - Chair TBD
  - vi. Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS

G) Coordinating the Coordination update

- a. PNWER – Stephen Phillips
  - i. They are meeting in Big Sky at the end of July. Tom Woolf and Kate Wilson are going to be keeping a close eye on this incase they make decision on watercraft
- b. NAISMA – Leah Elwell
  - i. Hosting 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- c. NMMA – Dennis Zabaglo
- d. ABYC – Dennis Zabaglo
- e. WSIA – Elizabeth Brown
- f. DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
- g. ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
  - i. Looking to see WRDA 2020 bill. BOR will be brought to mic with Crop of Engineers. Corps is working on the expanded WRDA. Allison had webinar with corps of engineers. Still waiting to get things moving on ID training.
- h. WGA - Elizabeth Brown
- i. AFWA – Elizabeth Brown
- j. WAFWA – Elizabeth Brown
- k. WISCE – Elizabeth Brown
- l. NISAW - Stephen Phillips
  - i. Five are going back. Meet with Department of the Interior. There will be a meeting that week with Corps. NIASMA is going to be taking over the reins for NISAW. 50 million for WRDA happened with our help. Why change what worked? There are a couple more events planned. Most like an event in DC in June. The West will get the most bang for our buck in February. ABYC and NMMA groups met yesterday. The implementation is being stalled by

industry. Looking for new ways to treat ballast tanks. Dennis and Elizabeth will be doing some follow up on ABYC and industry-based groups.

H) Announcements – ALL

- a. Erin will be reaching out this week. Kate will be the best point of contact for those with needs pertaining to the WRP, as well as Alex from Phoenix.  
Decided to ask Barak to join the Ex Comm. Will have a vote at the next meeting, and will decide to bring Barak in. If he is interested, he will fill the seat. If not, there will be a special election. His spot will be up in 2020. Barak is interested in position.