**Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call**

July 27th, 2020 at 1:00 pm mountain time
Call number: 712-770-5581
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Present: Blaine Parker, Mason Parker, Martha Volkoff, Glenn Dolphin, Allison Zach, Tom Woolf, Elizabeth Brown, Stephen Phillips, Dennis Zabaglo

**Agenda**

1. Approval of June minutes
	1. **Stephen moves, Blaine seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carries.**
2. Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
	1. WRDA came out with an important language in HR7575. For inspection it will fix the CO/AZ problem. 15 million in watercraft inspection. 3 million dollars in monitoring. Flowering rush language and hydrilla has been added on the house side. Until senate appropriation language comes out, we will see if they add the million for flowering rush and add language for hydrilla. FWS appropriations for FY2021 are about the same as 2020. Heroes act (HR2) has a lot of money for vehicle-wildlife interactions and includes RAWA. LWCF is going to the president’s desk.
3. Panel Business
	* Discussion of FWS Coordination Grant- Leah Elwell
		1. The funding has increased to 50k for the year. How should this money be allocated? Does this include travel? There can be a mod with Susan if the situation with COVID changes. 1500 in travel will work. It can be used as salary at the end of grant if it is not needed for travel.
		2. Pending FY2021 pending 50K to panel 43,455,
			1. **Martha makes a motion to accept ISAN proposed budget for FY 2021. Tom seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.**
	* QZAP 2.0 – Elizabeth Brown
		1. We completed another round of member reviews and got very little feedback. Reclamation is the only member that volunteered to lead the implementation of action items during the last round of member reviews. Given the more generic nature of the action items, we can not put dollar amounts on the action items (e.g. Contain Colorado River vs. Contain Lake Powell). Therefore, the costs have been removed and the responsible parties have been removed. The implementation table has been renamed to a Metric Evaluation Table and lists only the action item and the measure by which they will be evaluated.
		2. Ex Comm is good with surveying members and partners annually on the metrics and providing annual updates on progress.
		3. Approve sending the complete document to WRP voting and alternate members, other Panels, and ANSTF members for review.
		4. Still on target for approval of the final at September meeting.
	* 2020 Ex Comm Election - Mason Parker
		1. Release survey Monday the week before and reminder the week of. Elizabeth’s seat is up for election. This will be one year. Disclaimer please notify us if you are turning for one or two year.
	* Announcement for Interim Chair/Vice-Chair - Mason Parker
		1. Will provide a formal announcement to the ListServ concerning Dennis and Martha’s rilo as interim chair and vice.
	* ListServ Posting Policy - Dennis Zabaglo
		1. Back and forth emails concerning copper treatments were inappropriate for ListServ. Wildlife Forever asked for a PR to be circulated on the listserv. What are the appropriate protocols for posting? Is it inappropriate to reply to all discussions happening through the listserv? We will tweak the email to make it slightly different. Then blind copy it in the future?
		2. Who can post to the listserv? Stephen is the only person who can post to the listserv for ballast water. This means there needs to be a conversation about management. **May need to put together a workgroup for protocols on the listserv.**
		3. Stephen moves to make an ad hoc committee for listserv protocol. Martha seconds. All in favor. Dennis volunteers to be on the committee, Stephen, Dennis, Martha, Elizabeth**. Doodle poll for the first couple of weeks of august to set up the date.**
4. WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
	* 2020 Annual Meeting – Mason Parker
		1. **Stephen motions to approve the purchase of GoToMeeting software for the WRP to host the Annual Meeting and future webinars/meetings with. Glenn seconds. None opposed. Motion is approved.**
		2. Need more presenters in the plants and fish sections.
			1. Twenty-minute presentations on flowering rush. Have Leah reach out to people on flowering rush.
			2. Asian carp framework an option - check with USFWS
		3. Ex Comm will put our feelers for fish and plant presentations.
		4. Do we want partners to give updates in the business meeting?
			1. Keep ANSTF update
			2. FWS can provide their updates in the member reports
			3. Keynote at the end of the last session?
			4. Include VIDA updates in business meeting.
			5. Do committee updates in the end of the business meeting
	* Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin liaison
		1. No updates
	* Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Elizabeth Brown liaison
		1. No updates - committee on summer break and will reconvene in the fall
	* Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
		1. No updates
	* Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Allison Zach liaison
		1. Call at the end of the month. Creating an online survey. Next monthly call and that will go out.
5. WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
	* eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff liaison
		1. on hold until after summer
	* Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures – Chair Kate Wilson; Dennis Zabaglo
		+ 1. No updates
6. ANSTF
	* ANSTF Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
		+ Prevention - Chair Craig Marten; John Wullschleger liaison
			- No updates
		+ Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; Elizabeth Brown
			- Meeting is scheduled for later this week.
		+ Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschultz, Iowa and AFWA; Dennis Zabaglo
			- No updates
		+ Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger
			- No updates
		+ Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Elizabeth Brown
			- The NOFO (Notice of funding opportunity) for the national campaign evaluation study is completed and will include Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers, Clean Drain Dry Initiative, and PlayCleanGo. It is up to the Interior Secretary's office for approval to be posted. This will be very useful for WRP members. ***Everyone should reach out to people who do this type of behavior change evaluation work and let them know this coming.***
		+ Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschlegger
			- No update
7. Coordinating the Coordination update
	* PNWER – Stephen Phillips
		1. No update
	* NAISMA – Elizabeth Brown
		1. There is a desire within NAISMA to work with the WRP, the ANS Task Force and to be of value to the AIS community. Through professional development there are numerous opportunities. We are also looking to expand the certification program beyond weed-free products to ANS or Pest pathways. October 6-8 is the virtual conference. Many WRP members are speaking on the agenda. We just kicked off the Legislative Committee and are starting planning on NISAW 2021. We need aquatic voices in this committee.
	* NMMA and ABYC– Dennis Zabaglo
		1. Holding a webinar with TIR group on evaluating dip tanks as a form of decontamination - pilot program may be underway in Utah at Powell.
	* WSIA – Elizabeth Brown
		1. Richard Kolb has been hired to be their AIS expert. Chad Bishoff is coming aboard to replace Larry Meddock when he retires. The WRSIA has requested that WRP send a letter to them, NMMA, and ABYC in support of developing tech to prevent the spread of AIS. Looking heavily at filtration again using lessons learned from the Mussel Mast’R. The WSIA would like to see an AIS standard for all NMMA certified boats, engines, and various compartments based on the manufacturer’s testing and research. **Blaine makes motion to approve writing a letter to WSIA, Dennis seconds. All approve. Motion passes**. Elizabeth will draft the letter for ExComm editing and approval.
	* DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
		1. No updates
	* ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
		1. No updates
	* WGA - James Dominguez on the Council
		1. No updates
	* AFWA – Elizabeth Brown
		1. No updates
	* WAFWA – Elizabeth Brown
		1. WAFWA passed the WISCE recommended Resolution in support of the Chemical SUpplement to UMPS and agreed to not use or promote chemical use in WID.
		2. WAFWA did not pass the WISCE recommended Resolution on eDNA and will table that to be reconsidered later. There is not a clear enough connection between the Building Consensus standards and the use of eDNA so the Resolution language needs to be re-worked.
	* WISCE – Allison Zach
		1. Going have a call soon. Creating spreadsheet to document AIS inspections.
	* NISAW - Elizabeth Brown
		1. Elizabeth Brown is now in charge of NISAW through NAISMA. There is an opportunity for Elizabeth to create the vision for NISAW. Conversation will be focused on building capacity and sustaining current allocations through the recession. There is a lot going on with NISAW beyond a week in DC, including a local events week in the summer and tools for hosting a state legislative awareness day while they are in session.
8. Announcements – ALL