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

October 26th, 2020 at 1:00 pm mountain time
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**Agenda**

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – **VOTE**
	* **Stephen nominates Dennis for chair. Dennis is willing. John seconds Dennis for chair. All in favor. None opposed. Motion is passed Dennis. assumes the position of chair.**
	* **Tom is nominated for vice-chair. John Seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion is passed. Tom assumes role of vice-chair.**
2. Approval of September minutes – **VOTE**
	* **Stephen motions to approve. Allison Seconds. All in favor. None opposed. All in favor. None opposed. September minutes are approved.**
3. Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
	* Please share pathways into the new administrations transition team, if you know of any. They have a continuing resolution through Dec. 11th. If there is a sweep by democrats, it will provide an opportunity for them to get back into FY21. Good chance we will see WRDA pass. The CRB has plenty of money. Dems on the house introduced Ocean Based Climate Solutions Act that has invasive species language in it. Nothing grand. Another new bill is the Senate’s version of the Aquaculture bill. There is invasive species language under the Fish and Wildlife act. It is waiting to be signed by the president. Swamp Rat bill was passed and is now heading to president’s desk. Unless Bennet bill gets added within next month, it will have to wait until next year.
4. Panel Business
	* QZAP 2.0 – Elizabeth Brown
* Sent final round of edits to the designer last week. Hoping to have it sent to Task Force by November 1st. Ex Comm should talk about collecting the baseline information from our members for purposes of evaluation. There should be discussion about goals to measure success for particular items (i.e. waters monitored, etc.). We would like to have this information gathered by the end of 2020. It may work best to take these measurements based on calendar year.
	+ 2021 Annual Meeting Discussion
* SLC or Alaska? The concern being that the uncertainty pertaining to funding may limit some folks from going to Alaska. For many agencies, the restrictions are OK for any out-of-state travel regardless of state. Federal do have some restriction based on location (i.e. Alaska and Hawaii). Mason will reach out to Tammy and confirm that Alaska is on the agenda for 2022.
	+ Leadership transition
* Allison will step up to be liaison for the ANSTF Education Outreach committee. Keep time for monthly meeting as is.
1. WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
	* Annual Meeting Planning Team - Mason Parker
	* Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin Liaison
* Comments are open. NAISMA is putting together a comments latter and will be pulling from a number of sources.
	+ Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison
* Next meeting is this Thursday at 10 am.
	+ Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
		- Bylaws revision for 2021 Annual Meeting
		- No meeting since before the Annual Meeting.
	+ Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Allison Zach Liaison
* Next Call is in a week. Working with Monica to get the survey results. 31 surveys total. Put in grant application to look at successful campaigns. Award notices should go out by early January.
* Will be discussing WRP virtual presence.
1. WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
	* eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff Liaison
		+ on hold until after summer
		+ still on hold.
	* Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures – Chair Kate Wilson; Dennis Zabaglo Liaison
* Dennis circulated edits on how-to guide. This doc was discussed at WISCE.
1. ANSTF
	* Report to Congress Review (Nov. 2)- Mason Parker
	* Virtual Fall Meeting - December 8-10, 2020
		+ WRP Recommendations (Nov. 30)
* Coastal will give VIDA recommendation. The process of forming recommendations often goes through the committees rather than WRP membership. Funding is a continuing recommendation. Could ask tha the TF considers or endorses QZAP 2.0. Will touch base with the committees to get these recommendations.
	+ - QZAP 2.0 Presentation
* Looking for a vote to approve at the ANSTF meeting in order to make it into the federal register. Barak will follow up with Susan about getting the ANSTF to approve the document for the federal register. Mason will follow up with Susan about what she is expecting for QZAP presentation and if Dennis is there in an Ex Officio capacity for his organization, can he present QZAP 2.0?
	+ Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
		- Prevention - Chair James Ballard; John Wullschleger Liaison
* Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison
	+ Conversation centered around eDNA. Discussed EDRR survey.
	+ John Wullschleger will serve as liaison for EDRR
* Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschultz, Iowa and AFWA; Dennis Zabaglo
* Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
	+ The survey is imminent.
* Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Allison Zach
	+ Committee is currently on pause.
	+ Allison will contact Susan about getting added to the committee.
* Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
1. Coordinating the Coordination update
	* PNWER – Stephen Phillips
* Annual Meeting is in the third week of August 15-19 in Big Sky, MT 2021. Their invasive species group is led by Kate Wilson.
	+ NAISMA – Elizabeth Brown
		- Free Biocontrol Workshop 10/28
		- Free November Webinar 11/18
	+ NISAW - Elizabeth Brown
		- February 22-26, 2021 - DC/Virtual
	+ NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – Dennis Zabaglo
* Last day to review and makes changes on NMMA documents. The coordinator of ABYC is moving on. Dennis gave a presentation on the progress and the history of WSIA. Focused on ballast and ballast standards.
	+ DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
* John commented on press release. ICSMOU is going around for surnaming in DOI. PS got approval to use database for trailered boats.
	+ ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
* Continuing with core partners to make sure things are done in a quick manner. Will be busy if WRDA 2020 passes.
	+ WGA - NEED LIAISON
* Tom Woolf is interested in becoming liaison. Liaison would reach out to Vill or affiliated member to gather information.
	+ AFWA – Elizabeth Brown (may want to consider a new liaison)
		- Dennis will reach out to a rep from Nevada to coordinate with him as liaison.
	+ WAFWA – Elizabeth Brown (may want to consider a new liaison)
		- No update
		- Allison is willing to take on the role of liaison just needs to find who she needs to get in touch with to be brought into the role.
	+ WISCE – Allison Zach
* Next boll on Nov. 8. Someone will update on protocols for invasive mussels. Tom is looking for guidance on boats coming west.
	+ Great Lakes Panel - Used boat discussion - Tom Woolf
* Stephanie Criswell sent Tom an analysis of the flow of boats coming west and finding place where they could possibly intercept them. This is just getting started.
1. Announcements – ALL