

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

February 25th, 2020 at 10:00 am mountain time

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Agenda

- A) Approval of January minutes – **VOTE – John Wullschleger motions to approve. Stephen second. All in favor. None opposed. Minutes approved**

- B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
 - APHIS access to emergency funds when confronted by an invasive species. HR660 was introduced. Like last year we are looking at COVID stimulus. Right now looking to a 1.9 trillion-dollar bill. Looking for restoration grants for coastlines. Searched for invasive species and fish language nothing there yet. Trying to get invasive species language in the Conservation Corp and Climate Change bills. NAISMA has been active.

- C) Panel Business
 - Mid-year Teleconference
 - Reach out to Chris Steffen. Take a look at the NAISMA webinar lineup for NISAW. Currently trying to finalize the agenda, particularly the Coordinating the Coordination portion. Will keep update from Hilary Smith from DOI. Talk to Dennis about ABYC and replace WGA update with something else.
 - QZAP 2.0 Work Plan
 - Create a survey in which all of the action items are ranked according to their viability and importance. This will be completed by the Ex Comm to narrow down the key action items and then circulated to the WRP membership for their input
 - Working Group – identify WRP affiliates who have a common interest in QZAP and take the first step to forming a working group. This will likely happen after the key action items have been identified and a work plan will be generated.
 - ANSTF Panel Presentation - Tom Woolf
 - Susan reached out with request for Panel presentations. Tom responded with the idea of discussing used boats being transported into the west from the great lakes. Nate could also provide an update. Mason will put out an email to the WRP members about possible topics to present on at the ANSTF meeting.
 - Reformatting Agenda/Ex Comm Meetings
 - An email that goes out the week before with all of the updates from Ex Comm members. This will allow for more time to discuss WRP action items. We need to reimagine what an agenda will look like.

- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
 - Annual Meeting Planning Team - Mason Parker
 - Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin Liaison

- No updates
- Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison
 - Looking at protocols with some of these newer models.
- Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
 - Bylaws revision for 2021 Annual Meeting
 - Have not met yet. Those dates moved past. Will likely meet in March before the all-members call.
- Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Allison Zach Liaison
 - Two RFPs out. WRP closes on March 31st, must get the work done by June 2022.

E) WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff Liaison
- Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures – Chair Kate Wilson; Dennis Zabaglo Liaison
 - Mason has a meeting with Kate next week and will provide an update on the Fire Equipment and Decon Procedures

F) ANSTF

- Liaisons?
- Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
 - Prevention - Chair James Ballard; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Evaluate NISC process. Consider VIDA.
 - Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Discussing implementation of FY21 work plan with RR MOU.
 - Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschultz, Iowa and AFWA; Dennis Zabaglo
 - No update
 - Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Distributed survey to identify research priorities. Next meeting is March 1st.
 - Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Allison Zach
 - RFP closes March 10th. Will have a call this afternoon (2/25).
 - Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Has not met since before the ANSTF meeting.

G) Coordinating the Coordination update

- PNWER – Stephen Phillips
 - Doing work with different state capitals. Meeting is supposed to be in August.
- NAISMA – Allison Zach
 - NAISMA had 258 people attend their webinar. All of the webinars are on nisaw.org. There is going to be a NISAW pt. 2 in May.
- NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – Dennis Zabaglo
 - Glenn circulated link to some of the work these groups are doing. The ABYC technical group met in Jan. 21st. There was a public comment period on a document and they went through suggested edits on the document. On board with boat inspections and want to see that work happened. Hoping to push the industry forward with new technology and new construction of boats to prevent the spread of invasive species. BOR awarded a grant for MT to build a decon trailer.

- DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
 - Getting approval to use the database by the beginning of voting season. Get approval to use dip tanks. Next meeting is at the beginning of March.
- ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
 - Still working on flowering rush. Things are moving along on different letter reports. There has been some interest from the east coast.
- WGA – Tom Woolf
 - Tom will act as liaison for WGA
- AFWA – Dennis Zabaglo (?)
- WAFWA – Allison Zach
 - Tom will reach out and may act as
- WISCE – Allison Zach
 - Regional data system has been given a facelift. Currently open to feedback on any changes that should be made to this database.
- Great Lakes Panel - Used boat discussion - Tom Woolf
 - If we decided to provide a presentation on that. Tim Campbell is looking on ways to provide outreach to boat sellers in the region. Was able to make contact with boat vendor where most of the boats are funneled through.

H) Announcements – ALL