

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

March 25th, 2021 at 11:00 am mountain time

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Agenda

- A. Approval of February minutes - **VOTE – John Wullschleger motions to approve. Stephen Phillips seconds. All in favor. None opposed.**

- B. Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
 - A. Had a hearing to kick off WRDA 2022. WRDA will have a lot of language that could be applied to invasive species—climate change, infrastructure, flood plains, etc. There may be a need to go back to look at Lacey Act with regards to water and moss balls. There is a fair chance that Montana could be getting money for invasive species management.

- C. Panel Business
 - o Moss Balls/Don't Let It Loose - Tom Woolf
 - o For consistency, people might be looking at this pathway which hasn't been looked at before. Currently there is no programs that focus on this as a pathway on a national level. CRB activated RR plan for moss balls. Who is going to be taking the lead on how the West handles this vector for introduction?
 - o Mid-year Teleconference – Mason Parker
 - o QZAP 2.0 Action Items Survey -
 - o Should the survey, as is, be circulated to the WRP as a whole? Within QZAP there are a lack of action item focused on Tribes. Add a couple questions related to Tribal issues.
 - o Next steps: Last few members should complete the survey. Review results. Include Blaine's suggested additions and circulate to the larger membership.
 - o Committee and Workgroup Template -
 - o Cut it down to five items. Combine some of the things that are redundant in the current format.
 - o Reformatting Agenda/Ex Comm Meetings - Tom Woolf
 - o Mason and Tom will get together to put together a draft of a new agenda for the next meeting.

- D. WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
 - o Annual Meeting Planning Team - Mason Parker

- Still gauging the amount of participation that is going to be expected for the in-person September meeting and sorting out the details of how to best host a hybrid meeting.
 - Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin Liaison
 - No Update
 - Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison
 - No update
 - Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
 - Bylaws revision for 2021 Annual Meeting
 - John Wullschleger will make sure that Dennis, Tom, and Mason are included. Mason will begin working on a backwards timeline. In addition to the bylaw revision the member election is up this year.
 - Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Allison Zach Liaison
 - No proposals submitted yet. They are due by the end of March.
- E. WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
- eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff Liaison
 - Requests that the Ex Comm reviews the Canadian eDNA guidelines for endorsement by the WRP. Would like to have Adam and Yale on the next call to discuss the protocols. Does the adoption of these guidelines mean that the workgroup should be dissolved? Is the group interested in moving on to a different question in regard to some of the action items within QZAP.
 - Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures – Chair Kate Wilson; Dennis Zabaglo Liaison
 - Mason spoke with Kate, and she is going to be moving forward with the committee and looking for a document to focus on as a product of the fire committee.
- F. ANSTF
- Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
 - Prevention - Chair James Ballard; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Discussing adopting the WRP's off water inspection protocols. Robert presented and the group is currently discussing adopting those. This will be decided at the next meeting.
 - Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - They are discussing merging with DOI RR. The next two calls are focused on educating the groups on ICS. Next meeting is April 15th.
 - Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschultz, Iowa and AFWA; Dennis Zabaglo
 - No Update.

- Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Met March 1st. Reviewing results of survey that was sent out. Going to continue and finish discussion of survey results on the next call, which is not yet scheduled.
- Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Allison Zach
 - Results from the report –Mason will send out the results of the report to the members.
- Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - No update

G. Coordinating the Coordination update

- PNWER – Stephen Phillips
 - Will meet the week of the 15th of August in Montana.
- NAISMA – Allison Zach
 - Will circulate a date and invite to Mason to send to WRP Members.
- NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – Dennis Zabaglo
 - Dennis has been in contact with someone from Malibu who is one of the big wake board boat manufacturers.
- DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
 - Currently looking to get OMB approval for land management and to use the database. Interested in how the is going to interact with QZAP.
- ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
 - No further update
- WGA - NEED LIAISON
 - The main focus seems to be terrestrial after the establishment of council. They are looking for additional projects. It could be an aquatic related project. NO funding was distributed for projects.
- AFWA – Dennis Zabaglo
 - No update
- WAFWA – Allison Zach
 - Reviewing report on the moss balls and taking comments.
- WISCE – Allison Zach
 - Still tends to be a moving target concerning what all of the states are doing concerning COVID.
- Great Lakes Panel - Used boat discussion - Tom Woolf
 - Three boats have been intercepted in the last week between Idaho and MT. All were recently purchased from the Midwest. Start trying to back track where they came from. 2/3 of the boats were purchased through Boat Trader. Could use some efforts to figure out to reach these sources. Look at Boat Trader and Craigslist, as boats are relatively cheap from the Midwest. Is there anything in the WID database that could be check marked? Within your state when you get a hunting license you get a

hunting exam. Fishing doesn't require any sort of license. There could be an opportunity for angler and boater education on AIS. Could post warning on the used boat seller websites concerning AIS so it reaches folks before the purchase the boat rather than after the boat has been moved across the states.

H. Announcements – ALL

- A. Any state that has ideas on how to address the moss ball there is funding available from the Joanne Grady at USFWS.