

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

April 26th, 2021 at 11:00 am mountain time

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Agenda

- A) Approval of March minutes – **VOTE – Allison seconds to approve, Marth second. All ing favor none opposed. Minutes are approved.**
- B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
 - 1.3 billion annually for State and federal wildlife agencies. IS were included in the last two versions of this bill. This has a good chance of getting passed. WRDA 2020 is going to be WRDA 2022 eventually. WRDA is dialed in so it will likely be authorized in 2022. Administration came out with a budget. Haven't seen anything from house and senate yet. In the next month we should house staff appropriations bill.
- C) Panel Business
 - Adoption of eDNA guidance document - Yale Passamaneck
 - Document outlines what is necessary for eDNA analysis and what can be done with the results. Would like Ex Comm's endorsement but would not look to it as a prescriptive. Could provide valuable information and guidance for the WRP. Viewed it as general guidance within WRP, working group has not considered taking it up to the ANSTF. When we talk about endorsing these guideline, are we just recommending these as tools. "Recommended Guidance document" rather than endorsement. WRP Recommends and Encourages the use of the **Dennis moves to vote on *Guidance on the Use of Targeted Environmental DNA (eDNA) Analysis for Management of Aquatic Invasive Species and Species at Risk* as the accepted document with the best source of information and encourage use eDNA in their program. Allison seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion approved.**
 - Mid-year Teleconference Debrief – Dennis Zabaglo
 - The conference went very well and the additional virtual options were an upgrade from the tele-conference in the past. One issues was the limitation for the round table with the GoToWebinar program. IT limits verbal input from attendees.
 - QZAP 2.0 Action Items Survey – Mason Parker
 - The Survey was only filled out by 16 WRP members leaving us with a small pool for which to gauge the prioritized action items. We will have a leadership call to discuss next steps for QZAP 2.0.
 - Reformatting Agenda/Ex Comm Meetings – Tom Woolf

- Currently, the agenda is very update heavy. We can talk about ways to

D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- Annual Meeting Planning Team - Mason Parker
 - Solid no from Martha Volkoff. Department-wide restriction on travel.
- Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin Liaison
 - They will be giving feedback to the ANSTF regarding VIDA. Chris Scianni announced he will be stepping down as Chair of the Coastal Committee and an announcement will go out to the committee.
- Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison
- Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
 - Bylaws revision for 2021 Annual Meeting. Discussed
- Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Allison Zach Liaison

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
 - Dennis will find out from Kate when the next meeting is going to be held.

F) ANSTF

- Liaisons?
- Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
 - Prevention - Chair James Ballard; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - No update
 - Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Has been talking about ICS and alternatives.
 - Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschultz, Iowa and AFWA; Dennis Zabaglo
 - No update
 - Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Spent last two meeting trying to figure out the “research” questions based on survey that was previously sent out.
 - Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Allison Zach
 - Also have proposals for the NOFO. They hope to have it awarded by the end of April. QZAP is out as well.
 - Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - No update

G) Coordinating the Coordination update

- PNWER – Stephen Phillips
 - Meeting is scheduled for the end of August.
- NAISMA – Allison Zach
 - Edd map summit. Play clean go outreach and education week. New campaign with Stewart who is big part of reaching out to recreationists and general public.
- NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – Dennis Zabaglo

- Conversation with someone from Malibu, concerning AIS issues. He is involved in the marketing and sales side of this. Could work together and shared outreach and education on ballast tanks and wake board boats.
- DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
- ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
 - Will be reaching out to Allison about next course of action to get things moving.
- WGA - NEED LIAISON
 - Looking for projects with regards to cheat grass in Kansas. Tammy is in the loop regarding what's happening with WGA.
- AFWA – Dennis Zabaglo
 - No update
- WAFWA – Allison Zach
 - No update
- WISCE – Allison Zach
 - Getting stacked up with employees for the summer. UT and CO are going to work together to do outreach encouraging people to clean their boats. Nate introduced the decon dip tank at Powell.
- Great Lakes Panel - Used boat discussion - Tom Woolf
 - Tom does not have to same level of communication since Erika was promoted.

H) Announcements – ALL