

# Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm mountain time

Attended by: Glenn Dolphin, Tom Woolf, Stephen Phillips, Martha Volkoff, Barak Shemai, Allison Zach, John Wuschleger and Leah Elwell.

## Minutes

- A) Approval of July minutes - Stephen moves to approve minutes, John seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Minutes approved.
- B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips – The Federal 2022 budget and infrastructure bill are the two current items of interest. There are many positives in the infrastructure bill with specific language on conservation and invasive species. A Continuing Resolution is likely to be completed by September 30 to keep the government open.
- C) Panel Business
  - Review SOP document – Leah – During the upcoming business meeting at the annual meeting John shall indicate that all procedural guidelines are to be housed in the SOP document and presented in a statement as such in the Bylaws. The wrinkle of SOP and Bylaws and SOP shall match up the committee composition guidelines. Leah will align SOP to reflect the bylaws. One specific area of note in the SOPs is to clarify what is appropriate for List serv posting. The WRP will not post non-WRP announcements that serve as an advertisement or for commercial sales.
  - QZAP 2.0 Action Items – Barak clarified a need to flesh out prioritization of action items, and if those were to be tackled, how were these going to be addressed was the original discussion. Move forward with prioritization, have the membership to look back at the survey. Tom, Dennis and Leah can discuss the annual meeting update associated with QZAP. Martha expressed fatigue in prioritization. Others mentioned the burden of committee work, there needs to be a balance of how to commit to complete work. Barak noted the high value in identifying proponents, agencies or organizations, regulatory entities who have abilities to implement specific priorities. What is the item that WRP can take on?
  - Ex Comm election - Leah reported there have been 5 entries for the 5 seats up for election.
- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
  - Annual Meeting Committee - Leah will draft a brief post-meeting participant poll. The group agreed that 2022 annual meeting should be approached with prudence as to the suitability of an in-person meeting.
  - Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin Liaison. The commercial vessel document as approved, printed and is being sent out.
  - Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison. No meetings during the summer.
  - Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger. John has shared information with the committee on the formalization of the SOPs in the bylaws. This discussion will take place during the business meeting in September. John will get some specific language together by the end of the week for the Ex Comm to look at – this will go into the bylaws.



- WISCE - Tom is now the chair. PSMFC is working on commercial boat outreach and WISCE is involved in that conversation. Fish transport is on tap for discussion at their next meeting.

Announcements – ALL

- a. QZAP – just finished the merit review for the FY21 funds. Once the financial office re-opens he will be issuing those awards.
- b. Tom proposed a broader adoption of watercraft inspector appreciation week. Is there a possibility of WRP sanctioning this? Many thought it would be a great idea. Suggested the first week of August, people can stop at their closest inspection station to say thank you.
  - i. Outreach committee could suggest the strategy and outline. Allison will follow up with the committee.
- c. Leah – short meeting for Ex Comm on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.