



# WESTERN REGIONAL PANEL ON AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Annual Meeting  
Anchorage – Alaska 2022

Pre-meetings – Tuesday September 20th

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Other group meetings as requested

Day 1 – Wednesday September 21st

8:30 – 8:40 am	<b>Welcome</b>	WRP Chair Dennis Zabaglo, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
8:40 – 8:50 am	<b>Welcome from Alaska</b>	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
8:50 – 8:55 am	<b>A Remembrance for Earl Chilton</b>	Monica McGarrity, Texas Parks and Wildlife
8:55 – 9:00 am	<b>Alaska Tribal Land Acknowledgement and Blessing</b>	Alaska Federation of Natives
9:00 - 9:30 am	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	<i>Climate, invasions, and the legacy of institutions</i> Peter Westley, University of Alaska
9:30 – 10:30 am	<b>Session: Alaska Perspectives on Invasive Species</b> Moderator: Tammy Davis	<i>Eradication of Invasive Northern Pike from Alaska's Kenai Peninsula.</i> Kristine Dunker, AK Fish and Game  <i>There is no I in Alaska. Conserving Alaska through collaborative invasive species management.</i> Aaron Martin, USFWS  <i>Living on the Edge: Green crab (<u>Carcinus maenus</u>) monitoring and outreach in southern Southeast Alaska</i> Linda Shaw, NOAA
10:30 – 10:50 am	BREAK	
10:50 – 11:50 am	<b>Session: Coastal Perspectives on Invasive Species</b>	<i>Tracing sources and dispersal pathways in marine invasive species using genomic tools.</i>

	Moderator: Chris Scianni	<p>Carolyn Tepolt, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution</p> <p><i>Prevalence, Distribution and Control of Shell-Boring Polychaetes on Oyster Farms</i> Julieta Martinelli, University of Washington</p> <p><i>European Green Crab: How to CM the FE out of EGC</i> Allen Pleus, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</p>
12:00 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH on site	Sponsored by Istonish
1:30 – 4:00 pm (Break at 3pm)	<p>WORKSHOPS (sign-up for one track)</p>	<p>Track 1: <i>Words Have Power: More Effective AIS Common Names</i> Lead facilitator: Sam Chan, Oregon Sea Grant</p> <p>Track 2: <i>What is HACCP planning and how can I use it to prevent the spread of non-target organisms?</i> Lead facilitator: Barak Shemai, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>

Day 2 – Thursday September 22nd

8:30 – 8:40 am	Welcome	Chair
8:40 – 9:25 am	<p><b>Session:</b> <b>Advances in Monitoring</b> Moderator: Tom Boos</p>	<p><i>Development of AIS Survey Standards for Hatcheries.</i> Tom Woolf, Montana Fish, Wildlife &amp; Parks and Robert Walters Colorado Parks and Wildlife</p> <p><i>Mussel dogs vs. eDNA</i> Debbie Deshon Mussel Dogs LLC</p> <p><i>Transitioning an Autonomous, Continuous, eDNA Monitoring Systems for Detection of Aquatic Invasive Species.</i> Cody Youngbull and Ed Rudberg, Nucleic Sensing Systems LLC</p>
9:30 – 10:10 am	<p><b>Session:</b> <b>Outreach and Prevention in the West</b> Moderator: Quagga D Davis</p>	<p><i>Effecting Behavior Change Through AIS Outreach: Insights on Messaging and Delivery Methods.</i> Monica McGarrity, Texas Parks and Wildlife</p>

		<i>National Horizon Scan: Assessing U.S. Invasion Risk of Terrestrial and Freshwater Vertebrates in Trade.</i> Matt Neilson, US Geological Survey
10:10 – 10:30 am	BREAK	
10:30 – 12:00 pm	<b>Session: Business Meeting and Partner Updates</b>	<p><i>Bring Meeting to Order and Introductions</i> (10 min) Dennis Zabalgo, TRPA and WRP Chair</p> <p><i>Budget Report</i> (5 min) Leah Elwell, WRP Coordinator</p> <p><i>2023 Annual Meeting Discussion</i> (10 min)</p> <p><i>Executive Committee Election</i> (10 min)</p> <p><i>ANS Task Force Update</i> (15 min) Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary of ANSTF</p> <p><i>USGS NAS Database Update</i> (15 min) Matt Neilson, USGS</p> <p><i>Advancing invasive species management through Bipartisan Infrastructure Law implementation and other Department of the Interior invasive species initiatives</i> (15 min) Hilary Smith, Department of Interior</p> <p><i>National AIS Legislative Update</i> (15 min) Stephen Phillips, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission</p>
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Sponsor Showcase	Clean Wake – Garret Attwood
12:15– 1:45 pm	LUNCH on your own	
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Committee Meetings	<p>Option 1 – Coastal Committee</p> <p>Option 2 – Decon Think Tank</p>
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Sponsor Showcase	<p>Featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mussel Dogs</li> <li>• CD3</li> <li>• ExplorUS</li> <li>• SePRO</li> </ul>

3:15 - 3:30 pm	BREAK	
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Committee Meetings	Option 1 - Membership Committee Option 2 - Outreach Committee
4:30 - 4:55 pm	Brief Committee and Workgroup Updates	
4:55 - 5:00 pm	Public Comment	

Day 3 - Friday September 23rd

8:00	<b>Field Trip - assemble in hotel lobby and board transportation</b>	Hosted by Alaska Game and Fish Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
8:15 - 1:30 pm	<b>Field Trip</b>	Visit local area to learn about invasive species management issues. There will be stops at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Fire Lake, Northern pike management</li> <li>• Big Lake, elodea management</li> <li>• Lake Hood, the largest float plane airport in the US</li> </ul>
1:30 pm		Return to Hotel