

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

July 25th, 2022 at 1:00 pm mountain time

Minutes

Attended by: Martha Volkoff, Stephen Phillips, John Wullschleger, Tom Woolf, Blaine Parker, Glenn Dolphin and Leah Elwell.

- A) Approval of June minutes. Stephen moves to approve. Dennis seconded. Minutes approved.
- B) Panel Business
 - QZAP 2.0 Action Items – Dennis Zabaglo; deadline to submit for QZAP funding is now August 12. Some partners have/will apply for funds – MT FWP, ISAN, and PSMFC.
 - Ex Comm election – announce June (newsletter) / deadline August / election annual meeting (in-person based on registration numbers). The election will likely to be survey monkey and an in-person quorum will not be possible.
- C) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips –
 - Competes Act bill with the Lacey act language was there in the Feb 4th bill, but it is not in the latest version.
 - RAWA bill is running out of time to get passed. Will it be tacked on to the Omnibus in December?
 - The House passed 6 government funding bills last week including Interior and Energy and Water, and now need to wait for the Senate approvals. It will likely go to Omnibus.
 - Someone has put a “Repeal the Pittman Robertson Act” is out there, but likely not to pass. AFWA is all over it. It is linked to gun control.
- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
 - Annual Meeting Committee - Leah Elwell – The current meeting agenda was reviewed, and the most recent copy can be found on the website. Current registration numbers are 42 total with 12 of those being voting members. Leah reviewed the business meeting room set up logistics to confirm U-shape set with smaller numbers. Leah will work with the hotel to ensure seating at the meeting is spaced a bit. Dennis encouraged that all aspects of the meeting be virtually accessible. Leah circulated the opportunity to host 2023 and received no replies yet. It was suggested to reach out to Utah who was going to host, or others that may not have hosted before, Leah will send a reminder. Tom will be sending a request for member reports ASAP, Dennis asked for people to share pictures/caption too for a slide show in Anchorage. Remembrance for Earl at Anchorage will be done, Dennis will ask Monica for images and if she would do remembrance.
 - Coastal Committee – Co-Chairs Chris Scianni and Christine Moffitt; Glenn Dolphin Liaison, since the last meeting there is no new information. Green crab were detected in Alaska last week.
 - Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison – summer break. Chatter about porpoise boats a new submersible vessel and how to decontaminate them.
 - Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger. Meeting tomorrow 1:30 pm and discussion on how to achieve tribal participation will be the focus.

- Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Barak Shemai Liaison. Review of Dr. Kyle’s report which is the QZAP funding project and will be completed by September 2022.
- E) WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
 - eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff Liaison – summer break
 - Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures – Chair Kate Wilson; Dennis Zabaglo Liaison - status of reviewed document. Kate will be getting edits back to me, Leah will circulate a clean doc to a few key fire or Forest Service contacts. Send to Mike Illmini, Bill Janowski, Cynthia Tait – could ask her opinion. Kate expressed that the workgroup could be dormant after the completion of the doc. NISC fire information.
- F) ANSTF
 - Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
 - Prevention - Chair James Ballard, GSARP; Barak Shemai Liaison. Most action is in the organisms in trade subcommittee which meets next on August 15; Tim Campbell is sketching out a training pet retailer proposal. ANSTF are asking for people to serve on risk analysis seaplane team.
 - Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison; not met since last time, A template plan outline in the works.
 - Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschutz, Iowa; Dennis Zabaglo Liaison; decision making process; several of the plans that are due for revision are underway. Side note – Leah has gotten all of the plans up on the WRP website.
 - Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison, no new news.
 - Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Monica McGarrity Liaison. No new information.
- G) Coordinating the Coordination update
 - PNWER – in Calgary this week; Leah and Tom are presenting
 - NAISMA
 - NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – in communication with WSIA on education
 - DOI Mussel Coordination Group – QZAP implementation is being tracked using the WRP table. 3 and 3 for the WIN is a focus for DOI now (fire, islands focus).
 - ACOE (WRDA)
 - WGA - what happened to their western IS group?
 - AFWA / WAFWA
 - WISCE – Pactola Reservoir in SD came up positive for mussels last week. Information sharing has been a bit limited. SD is working on signage. Tom is pulling together a call with BOR, WY, FS and MT call that they need to step it up. Reclamation is doing most of the sampling in limited capacity. Is there an opportunity to commit to Building Consensus principles? WISCE will be meeting in Anchorage later in the day at TBD location.
 - Blue Ribbon AIS Commission – Stephen, Elizabeth, Monica, and Dennis all serve on this committee that combines the industry (NMMA). Prevention and access can happen together. Will need to be present to make sure misinformation is limited.
 - Towed watersports rules are being explored in OR to ban on Willamette because of high-density activity on the water.
 - WID trainings to be done in person again starting this fall.

- H) Announcements – Should the Ex Com go out to dinner again in AK? Leah will send federal participants in Mid-August to John to help plan that gathering. Dennis will email Monica about Earl pictures.
- I) Next call August 22, 2022 at 1pm