

# Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

July 24, 2023 at 1:00 pm mountain time

Attended by: Tom Woolf, John Wullschleger, Blaine Parker, Martha Volkoff, Robert Walters, Dennis Zabaglo, and Leah Elwell. Absent: Stephen Phillips, Barak Shemai, Chris Steffen.

## Minutes

- A) Approval of June minutes. John motioned to approve, Blaine seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- B) Panel Business
  - QZAP 2.0 Action Items: review of objectives for progress (begin in section E). Hold until August call.
  - List of items to-date for follow up within QZAP 2.0. Hold until August call.
  - Update on the Wildland Fire Decontamination document from ANSTF meeting. Prevention subcommittee has made comments to include some basic AIS information in the document. This amendment was made by Dennis using QZAP 1.0 language and the document was approved by ANSTF last week during their virtual meeting. Leah will swap out the document on the WRP website.
  - GLP – Diploid Carp dialog (letter). The Great Lakes Panel emailed/provided a letter in opening a dialog on diploid/triploid carp issues. They are requesting feedback and possible further discussion on how the panel may be part of better management on diploid carp. Tom will report back on dialog that may take place on this at the MRBP meeting this week. Martha indicated that her agency has recently been discussing their use. Is this issue better suited for discussion for AFWA or WISCE? All Ex Comm will read the letter and determine what the next steps might be – Leah will email folks in a week to get opinions. If the primary issue is diploid should be discouraged over triploid, then Martha indicated, she may be on-board with that.
  - MRBP – Bait pathway feedback. The Mississippi River Basin Panel emailed/requested input on bait pathway information from WRP members (see at the bottom of agenda). Central states allow bait, but the further west most states don't. Most likely this is more of a state-centric issue from a WRP perspective. Dennis suggested that it could be suggested back to MRBP to share with AFWA. SD master's student is circulating a survey on the use of live bait. Get any bait information to Leah by end of week and Leah will reply to Greg with what we know. WRP agrees that this topic could be discussed during the next ANSTF Panel Principals meeting.
- C) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips. Hold for August call.
- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
  - Annual Meeting Committee - Leah Elwell; Registration opened about 2 weeks ago and there have been good numbers registering. Leah shared the most recent draft agenda. There may be a need to provide a formal letter of invitation for the keynote and welcome from Dennis. Leah will find out from Bruce soon if that is needed. There has been some feedback on the host hotel rate not meeting the federal per diem rate. At the signing of the hotel contract, there was agreement that the higher rate would not be a deterrent. Leah will communicate with the hotel this week to see how the room bookings are tracking with the contract needs.

- Coastal Committee – Co-Chairs Chris Scianni and Christine Moffitt; Stephen Phillips/Leah. Dominique Norton with CDFW is helping with some administrative needs for the committee; Stephen has pledged some funding for developing a wind energy document in the coming year. The committee is re-engaging to complete some of their outstanding projects.
- Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters. The committee is on hiatus through the summer.
- Field Sampling and Monitoring Committee – Chair Kate Dukette; Identify a liaison. Robert will participate as much as possible. Chris or Tom perhaps could be the liaison? The group will meet in the coming month for the first time.
- Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger. Looking to hold a meeting the first week of August.
- Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Barak Shemai Liaison
  - Outreach Campaign Messaging and Delivery Methods study
    - Wildlife Forever is working on refining a summary document into a “pretty” handout for use for reaching more natural resource professionals with actionable information (i.e., includes key takeaways AND recommendations); anticipate completion by end of August.
    - Dr. Kyle is exploring the potential of turning the summary document into a TAMU Extension Brief for distribution to Extension professionals; WRP-EOC will collaborate.
    - Dr. Kyle anticipates producing a peer-reviewed publication on the project (timeline TBD)
  - QZAP grant applications with support/collaboration from WRP-EOC (in review)
    - QZAP F.5, etc. – Effectively use and evaluate social and multimedia platforms to share consistent messaging campaigns. Proposal for toolkit/BMPs development submitted by Elizabeth Brown.
    - QZAP F.4, etc. – Develop messaging for states in other regions to communicate western WID requirements and procedures with boaters before they travel to western states. Both the WRP-EOC and ANSTF Education Subcommittee are supporting a proposal submitted by Zach Burnside, Wildlife Forever, to update and expand the “Protect the West” online map tool.

#### E) ANSTF

- Recap of the ANSTF meeting from last week. Susan will be back from her detail in early August. Leah will re-circulate the survey regarding the AIS Commission priorities list.
- Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion;
  - Prevention - Chair Joseph Kreiger, NOAA; Barak Shemai Liaison. No information
  - Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison. The template is forthcoming for the upcoming ANSTF meeting. The guidance document for EDRR funding was approved during that meeting.
  - Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschutz, Iowa; Dennis Zabaglo Liaison. The National European Green Crab plan was approved for public review in the federal register. Martha is targeting a draft to be ready for the fall for the NZMS plan.
  - Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison

- Education and Outreach – Chair Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Monica McGarrity Liaison
- F) Coordinating the Coordination update
  - PNWER -
  - NAISMA -
  - NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – A decon database was assembled by WSIA for components and better understanding of decontamination. Additional communications with engineers from Mastercraft to improve the decontamination process has been made. In that meeting with AIS managers from CO and NV, they provided feedback suggesting labeling ports/cards/standardized flushing ports.
  - DOI Mussel Coordination Group
  - ACOE (WRDA)
  - WGA
  - AFWA / WAFWA
  - WISCE – August meeting will have USGS discuss coordination and communication.
- G) Announcements – ALL
- H) Next call August 21. No September meeting as it falls the week of the annual meeting.

Bait Pathway request for information from MRBP:

The MRBP contracted a 'live aquatic bait pathway analysis' in 2019 and is considering next step to address this pathway. We would like to know if other regional panels are addressing or have completed work related to this pathway. The MRBP is interested in reviewing how other regional panels have addressed this pathway. We have compiled a number of resources from the web and want to make sure that we have not missed anything. Please review the list below and let us know if you have additional resources that we should be aware of. We are also interested to know if there is interest in discussing this topic at the next Panel Principals meeting (October?). Thank you!

Greg

Bait Pathway Resources:

1. [Live Aquatic Bait Pathway Analysis: State of the live bait industry and its laws, regulations and policies in the Mississippi River Basin \(2019\)](#)
2. [Live aquatic bait pathway analysis for the Mississippi River Basin \(2019\)](#)
3. [Model Bait Regulation for Limiting Invasive Species - MASGLP \(2021\)](#)
4. [Model Regulation to Control the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species via Bait \(2021\)](#)
5. [Model Bait Regulation FAQs \(olemiss.edu\)](#)
6. [Analysis of State Legal Requirements for Aquatic Invasive Species \(2019\)](#)
7. [Aquaculture | westernais](#)
8. [Regulating Invasive Species in Aquaculture \(2018\)](#)
9. [Sustainable bait management in Ontario | ontario.ca](#)
10. [Patterns of Live Baitfish Use and Release among Recreational Anglers in a Regulated Landscape - McEachran - 2022 - North American Journal of Fisheries Management - Wiley Online Library](#)