

Western Regional Panel Executive Committee

July Conference Call

July 22, 2024, at 1:00 pm mountain time

Minutes

Attended by: Tom Woolf, Dennis Zabaglo, Barak Shemai, Vanessa Salazar, Robert Walters, John Wullschleger, and Blaine Parker.

- A) Approval of June minutes. Barak motioned to approve; Dennis seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- B) Panel Business
 - Executive Committee election 2024. Tom, Robert, John, Dennis all expressed interest in serving on Ex Comm again as their terms will expire this year.
 - Other open seat elections – appointed organizations. Tom informed Ex Comm of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe letter of interest and support for Katie Finley to participate. The intention is to vote CSKT on as member at the annual meeting this fall.
 - Coordination Amendment – Ex Comm letter. A draft letter that outlined how the \$50K of funding received by the US FWS would be allocated for coordination was discussed and finalized.
 - Feedback on EDRR Framework – Recent Ex Comm engagement with the Framework effort has been limited. Tom/Leah were the only ones to view the recent Framework webinar. Barak highlighted the Framework focus on developing lab techniques and standards for eDNA. Testing is being conducted with Smith-Root backpack eDNA sampler.
- C) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips – not in attendance.
- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
 - Annual Meeting Committee - Tom – 2024 progress. The meeting agenda looks good. Discussion on the on the agenda containment session for structure and content.
 - Coastal Committee – Co-Chairs Chris Scianni and Christine Moffitt; Stephen Phillips/Leah liaisons. Per Chris Scianni via email. The committee has drafted one page that we hope to use when seeking funds to help write the white paper they have been planning. The committee will meet this summer.
 - Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters (hiatus)
 - Field Sampling and Monitoring Committee – Chair Kate Dukette; Tom Woolf liaison. Draft sampling methods are undergoing edits. A draft should be available to present at the annual meeting.
 - Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger. Meeting coming up on Wednesday the 24th
 - Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Barak Shemai Liaison. Per Monica McGarrity via email. Their recent meetings have been coordination with Elizabeth Brown and Zach Burnside on the social media toolkit and nationwide WID/cleaning stations map, respectively. Both projects are making good progress and on track as of our last meeting.
- E) ANSTF

- Outreach Subcommittee – Per Monica McGarrity email - They are planning on two different outreach sessions for NAISMA in the fall. One is on the ANSTF/WRP-EOC/maybe GLANSIS outreach campaign assessments.
- F) Coordinating the Coordination Update (including tribal activities)
- G) Announcements – ALL