

WRP Annual Meeting

September 23-25, 2026

Sustaining Successful Invasive Species Management

Sacramento California

Holiday Inn Downtown | 300 J St. Sacramento

PRE-MEETINGS Tuesday, September 22

Western Invasive Species Coordinating Effort– state partners TBD

Federal Partners Meeting – TBD

Committee Meetings - TBD

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 AM	REGISTRATION
8:30 AM	WELCOME Robert Walters, Colorado Parks and Wildlife & WRP Chair HOST California Department of Fish and Wildlife
8:40 –9:20 AM	KEYNOTE: Sustaining Invasive Species Management with Successful Science & Policy Interface TBD
9:20 – 10:45 AM	SESSION: AIS ISSUE IN CALIFORNIA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• California’s Marine Invasive Species Program: 25 Years of Effective Pathway Management – Chris Scianni, CA State Lands Division• Aquatic Plant Management in the San Joaquin Delta – TBD, CA Division of Boating and Waterways• New insights on nutria management – TBD, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife• Overview of California Water Management System – TBD, Association of CA Water Agencies
10:45 – 11:00 AM	NETWORK BREAK
11:00 -12:00 AM	SESSION: AIS CHALLENGES IN COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Best Laid Plans: Emergency Ballast Water Treatment in Washington State – Amanda Newsom, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife• Monitoring program for Mitten Crabs (<i>Eriocheir sinensis</i>) in the Lower Columbia and Willamette Rivers – Arick Rouhe, Center for Lakes and Reservoirs• Targeted Eradication of the Invasive Pink-tipped Anemone (<i>Anemonia manjano</i>) from Kāneʻohe Bay, Hawaiʻi – Jesse Boord and Kate Gonzalez, Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources
12:00 – 1:20 PM	LUNCH - Sponsored by Istonish

1:20 – 2:50 PM	<p>SESSION: Golden Mussel Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Mussels (<i>Limnoperna fortunei</i>) in California: Evaluating potential sources of introduction and scope for secondary spread by commercial ships– Lina Ceballos-Osuna, California State Lands Commission • Regional Three-Pronged Approach to Golden Mussels – Kyle Ochendusko, Contra Costa Water District • Lake Berryessa Golden Mussel Prevention Framework and Management Strategy – Drew Gantner, Solano County • Valley Water’s Invasive Mussel Prevention Framework and Mitigation Strategies – Atlasi Daneshvar, Santa Clara Valley Water District
2:50 – 3:10 PM	NETWORK BREAK
3:10 – 3:50 PM	<p>Session: EMERGING THREATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging Threat: Wild Goldfish Species in the Pacific Northwest – Theresa Thom, US Fish and Wildlife Service • Ribbon Weed (<i>Vallisneria</i> sp.) - TBD
3:50 PM	<p>SESSION: NATIONAL UPDATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Legislative Update – Stephen Phillips, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission • ANSTF Updates – Susan Pasko, ANS Task Force • Overview of NISC Priorities & Federal Engagement on Invasive Species – Stas Burgiel, National Invasive Species Council • Updates from USGS NAS Database and the new Aqua DePTH– Wes Daniels, US Geological Survey
5:00 PM	ADJOURN

Thursday, September 24

8:00 AM	REGISTRATION
8:30 AM	<p>WELCOME Robert Walters, Colorado Parks and Wildlife & WRP Chair</p>
8:40 –10:00 AM	<p>DISCUSSION SESSION: A REALITY CHECK ON WID RECIPROCITY Overview WID Protocols and Cross-Program Assessment – Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Brown Environmental Consulting</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of reciprocity • Evaluating and identifying suitability for reciprocity elements • Scaling program reciprocity from county to state to region
10:20 – 10: 40 AM	NETWORK BREAK
10:40 – 12:00 PM	<p>SESSION: PREVENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WID Risk Assessment – Sara Ricklefs, Invasive Species Action Network • Outreach at the Beach: Hand-launched Clean, Drain, Dry Education – MacKenzie Koch, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency • Boat Decontamination Dip Tank and Forest Fire Fighting Equipment Mobile Decontamination System – Garrett Atwood, Clean Wake

12:00 – 1:20 PM	LUNCH – On your own
1:30 PM	SESSION: EARLY DETECTION TOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerations for reporting invasive species detections from eDNA metabarcoding data – John Darling, eDNAtec • Using Genetic Tools for the Early Detection and Monitoring of Invasive Species in California – Sarah Stinson, CA Department of Water Resources • Dreissenid Mussel Habitat Suitability Modeling in Southcentral Alaska Rivers – Aurelia Umholtz, Alaska Center for Science, U of AK • Biobox Implementation for Golden Mussels – TBD, US Bureau of Reclamation (10 minutes)
2:50 PM	NETWORK BREAK
3:10 – 4:45 PM	SESSION: MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FOR MUSSEL CONTROL AND ERADICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potash as a Molluscicide - Registrations at the Federal and State Level – Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies • Zebra Mussel Eradication Effort at Smishek Lake ND, Ben Holen, North Dakota Game and Fish • Discovering and Developing Biological Solutions to Aquatic Invasive Species: Zequanox® and Beyond – Brady Hirshfeld, Invasive Species Corporation • Golden Mussel Management in the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District distribution system – Kaitlyn Quincy, SePRO
4:45 PM	PUBLIC COMMENT
5:00 PM	ADJOURN

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM	ASSEMBLE IN LOBBY
8:15 AM	DEPART
8:15 AM	FIELD TRIP ~ hosted by California Department of Fish and Wildlife Freshwater port, golden mussel management, Nutria and Aquatic Plant Management
1:00 PM	RETURN TO HOTEL