

Tuesday, July 19, 2016; 9:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Hyatt Regency; Bannerman/Walker Room; Calgary, Alberta

Invasive Species

Co-Chairs:

- *Robyn Luff, MLA, Alberta*
- *Dr. Mark Sytsma, VP for Research, Portland State University*

Welcome and introductions

Robyn Luff, MLA, Alberta

Dr. Mark Sytsma, VP for Research, Portland State University

9:15-9:25 Overview of zebra and quagga mussel threat and Pacific Northwest Response

Summary of the threat, review of PNWER initiatives to develop a regional perimeter defense strategy and federal response in the U.S. and Canada

Matt Morrison, Executive Director, PNWER

9:25-9:45 Overview of current funding and where inspection stations are for each province and state

Lisa DeBruyckere, President at Creative Resource Strategies

9:45-10:15 Living with an Infestation: Update on Manitoba Mussels

When Manitoba first found the mussels:

What they did to eradicate the infestation?

What are the current containment strategies?

Justin Shead, Aquatic and Invasive Species Ecologist, Manitoba Sustainable Development

10:15-10:45 Provisional Coordination and International Borders update

Updates on: Western AIS Agreement and federal AIS regulations and CBSA/ DFO implementation (e.g. how high risk boats at the border are being addressed)

Kate Wilson, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, Fish & Wildlife Policy Branch, Alberta Environment & Parks

Mary Braswell, US Customs and Border Protection (via conference line)

Jennifer Hughes Doucet Manager, Food, Plant and Animal Programs Branch, Canada Border Services Agency (via conference line)

Discussion and Q&A

10:45-12:15 Legislative Panel

Moderated by: **Senator Arnie Roblan**, Oregon

Ms. Robyn Luff, MLA, Alberta

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Montana

Sen. Jim Honeyford, Washington

Dan Ashton, MLA, British Columbia

Sen. Lee Heider, Idaho

Sen. Bill Hansell, Oregon

Mr. Larry Doke, MLA, Saskatchewan

Questions for panel members:

- What is your government or organization doing for a regional defense against an infestation of mussels?
- What is the status of funding in your jurisdiction?
- What are the gaps in your jurisdiction's planning?
- In the event of a detection of mussels in your jurisdiction, how prepared do you think your state or province is? Do you have enabling legislations in place, emergency fund access, a rapid response plan?
- What more can PNWER do to help in this effort?

12:15-12:30 Wrap up session

12:30-12:35 PLENARY Invasive Mussel Overview

Overview of invasive mussel issue (economic and environmental impacts, infestation map, prevention efforts on behalf of NW jurisdictions)

Matt Morrison, Executive Director, PNWER

12:35-12:45 A Little bit of hope: Alberta's Canine Conservation Program

Cindy Sawchuck