Preventing the Spread of Invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels into the PNWER Region

9:15am – 9:30am
Welcome and Introductions
Sen. Arnie Roblan, Oregon and Dr. Mark Sytsma, Portland State University

9:30am – 9:40am
Update on Regional Legislation and Current Gaps in Legislation
United States – Mark Sytsma, Portland State University
Canada – Kate Wilson, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development

9:40am – 11:00am
A Regional Framework to Prevent the Spread of Zebra and Quagga Mussels into the Pacific Northwest: An update on the PNWER Regional Plan for coordination against the spread of invasive mussels
Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies

Discussion: Implementing the Regional Framework
What will it take to fulfill the recommendations of the framework? How can Canada be better integrated into this plan? What resources are available? What can be done with the resources that already exist? (25 minutes)
Moderated by Lisa DeBruyckere

11:00am – 11:40pm
Easing Action: A Perspective from Jurisdictions that have Addressed Mussel Infestations - Long Term Infestations
Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates
Kylie Bloodsworth, Natural Resource Specialist, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

11:40am – 12:00pm
Legislative Response
Arnie Roblan (OR), Bill Kennemer (OR), Mike Cuffe (MT)

12:00am – 12:30pm
Mussel Sniffing Dogs
Cindy Sawchuk, AIS Operations Lead / Dog Handler, Alberta Environment and Parks
Aimee Hurt, Director of Operations for Working Dogs for Conservation
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| 2:35pm – 4:15pm | **Emerging Issues and Examples of Coordinated Response**  
Emerald Ash Borer – Laurie Kerzicnik, Insect Diagnostician and Assistant IPM Specialist at Montana State University  
New Zealand Mud Snails- Robyn Draheim, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services  
Emerging Issues in the Region and their Biological Impacts- Ray Callaway, University of Montana  
Fisheries Impact on Flowering Rush – Virgil Dupuis, Extension Director, Salish Kootenai College  
Biocontrol Efforts on Flowering Rush – Jennifer Andreas, Integrated Weed Control Project Director  
Changing Mentality towards Prevention and EDRR- Travis Ziehl, Assistant Supervisor, Teton County Weed and Pest |
| 4:15pm – 5:30pm | **Working Session: Enhancing Communication among Existing Regional Invasive Species Partnerships**  
This facilitated working session will provide an opportunity for stakeholders from throughout the region to discuss how the region can advance communication among existing invasive species groups, from state and provincial invasive plant and species councils, to the Columbia River Basin, and Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The session will incorporate the invasive species councils to discuss the best ways for the various councils to interact with and update each other, and the possibility of a meeting between the councils in the future. Discussion will also address what PNWER’s role should be in facilitating regional invasive species responses moving forward. |
| 5:30pm       | **Adjourn**      |