

# INVASIVE SPECIES WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

PNWER Annual Summit | Portland, Oregon

**Co-chairs:** Sen. Lee Heider, Idaho State Legislature  
Kate Wilson, AIS Specialist, Alberta Environment & Parks

## **Morning Session | 9:15am - 12:15pm Management & Monitoring of Invasive Mussels, Federal Updates, & Cross-Border Collaboration**

### **Early Detection/Rapid Response & Management of Infested Waters**

Moderator: Mark Sytsma

9:15-10:15 **Montana Response to Mussel Infestation and Strategy in Forming Firewall for Columbia River Basin**  
*Recap of incident, lessons learned from Incident Command System implementation, future planning, regional coordination, etc. What are the costs associated with ICS and how will they be met? How do you identify ICS staff, integrate with existing staff, and transition back following incident? How do you engage political support for implementation of rapid response measures?*

- Bryce Christiaens, *Weed District Manager*, Missoula County Weed District
- Jon Trapp, *Assistant Chief*, Red Lodge Fire Rescue
- Tom Woolf, *AIS Bureau Chief*, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
- Rep. Mike Cuffe, Montana State Legislature

10:15-10:35 **Monitoring for Invasive Mussels: Research Results**

- Tim Counihan, *Research Fish Biologist*, United States Geological Survey

10:35-10:50 **Report on U.S. Federal Invasive Mussel Working Group & National Invasive Species Council**

- Jamie Reaser, *Executive Director*, National Invasive Species Council

### **National Aquatic Invasive Species Funding Updates and Q&A**

Moderator: Kate Wilson

10:50-11:20 **US Federal Matching Funds for Invasive Mussel Prevention**

*What is the status of current and future federal funding to ID, MT, OR, and WA?*

*What are guidelines on FY2017 funding for Early Detection Rapid Response and monitoring?*

- Tim Dykstra, *Environmental Stewardship Program Manager*, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Stephen Phillips, *Senior Program Manager*, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

11:20-11:35 **Canadian Federal Funding Updates**

- Becky Cudmore, *Manager, AIS*, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

### **Cross-Border Collaboration**

11:35-11:55 **Protecting the Border: Alberta- BC Passport System Collaboration**

- Kate Wilson, *Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist*, Alberta Environment & Parks
- Martina Beck, *Invasive Mussel Program Coordinator*, B.C. Dept. of Environment

- 11:55-12:15 **Discussion and Action Items**
- Recap and Discussion of Morning Session
  - Discussion of action items/strategies from US/CAN
  - How can PNWER assist in developing a tabletop exercise to examine state/provincial gaps in emergency invasive mussel response?

## **Afternoon Session | 2:30pm – 5:30pm** **Economic & Social Impacts of Invasive Species**

### **Invasive Species Prevention Efforts and Lessons Learned**

\*joined by members of Oregon Coastal Economic Summit

#### **Opening Remarks**

#### ***Forestry & Horticulture Issues***

2:30-3:30 **Sudden Oak Death Panel and Q&A**

Moderator: Sen. Arnie Roblan, Oregon State Legislature

- Video message from U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley
- Rep. David Brock Smith, Oregon State Legislature
- Amy Amrhein, *Southern Oregon Field Representative*, Office of U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Peter Daugherty, *State Forester*, Oregon Department of Forestry
- Sarah Navarro, *Forest Pathologist*, Oregon Department of Forestry
- Jeff Stone, *Executive Director*, Oregon Association of Nurseries

3:30-3:50 **Lessons Learned from Washington’s Gypsy Moth Eradication Project**

- Dr. Jim Marra, *Pest Program Manager*, Washington State Department of Agriculture

3:50-4:10 **Japanese Beetle Potential Impacts & Current Oregon Eradication**

- Clinton Burfitt, *Program Manager*, Oregon State Department of Agriculture

4:10-4:20 **Afternoon break (10 min)**

#### ***Fisheries Issues***

4:20-4:50 **Invasive Fish Impacts & Regional Threats**

Introduction to invasive fish and potential economic impacts, and update on U.S. northern pike policy and management

- Joseph Maroney, *Director of Fishery and Water Resources*, Kalispel Tribe of Indians
- Update on Canadian northern pike and other invasive fish
- Dr. Brian Heise, *Associate Professor*, Thompson Rivers University

4:50-5:05 **A Regional Approach to Managing Flowering Rush**

Introduction to invasive freshwater plants and potential economic impacts & Overview of a new regional collaborative for flowering rush outcomes

- Mark Sytsma, *Director of Center for Lakes & Reservoirs*, Portland State University
- Justin Bush, *Executive Coordinator*, Washington Invasive Species Council

5:05-5:30 **Discussion and Action Items**

- Recap and Discussion of Afternoon Session
- Table exercise: discussion of action items/strategies from US/CAN