

Good Morning

As we discussed at the January 2008 invasives/nonnatives monitoring coordination worksession, there is strong interest in holding another session to focus on data management specifics to facilitate sharing data and/or reports from the various agency databases. Some items that may be explored are:

- Interfaces between databases
- Determine what info is needed (biologists do this)
- Identifying the kinds of reports wanted
- Data sharing agreements
- Standardizing data entry forms
- Sharing GIS distribution layers and map making capabilities

Please see the notes below from January for a bit of background and goals.

In order to plan this workshop, I ask for a reply from you as to your interest and availability on May 6 to meet in Portland. May 6 has been proposed in order to take advantage of the fact that many people will be in Portland for the Western Division of AFS/Oregon Chapter meeting (May 4-8; invasive species sessions are on May 5 & 7).

Please reply:

- 1) are you interested in helping to plan & prepare for this workshop?
- 2) are you interested in participating in this workshop?
- 3) are you available May 6 for at least a 1/2 day?

Here is an excerpt from the notes from January worksession:

Objective: a coordinated approach for information sharing is necessary so results can be communicated effectively (resource development)

Action Item: clarify problem...data collection is feeding into multiple information systems to answer variety of questions, but we lack a way to prioritize where to sample, ability to compile funds from many sources, commitment to share data and standards, clarity on what objectives and products are needed...

Action item: consider this discussion in light of PNAMP and NED planning & work to date...link to existing plans & efforts to identify problems, develop joint vision, solutions, how to get there, etc. *Lead Scott Smith, Steve Waste, Jen Bayer*

Action item: identify the pathway for reporting results... what information is needed and who gets it?

Need to clarify: early detection v. long term monitoring results

Action item: disseminate hotline contact info for detections! Need to create simple list to share. *Lead: Paul H., will work with states to do this (state agency reps for response = Pam Meacham for WA, Amy Ferriter for ID, Jim Gores for OR.)*

Action item: Develop "org chart" of who is responsible for what type of reporting & response (establish pathway for each agency/entity)

Action item: planning for next worksession to focus on data management specifics – spring 2008 *Lead: Cynthia Tait & Scott Smith.* Some considerations:

Set up interfaces between databases

Determine what info is needed (biologists do this)

Identify what you want, what kinds of reports you want

Need to have IT folks involved in discussions about data management standards

Data sharing agreements

Standard data entry forms

GIS distribution layers

People interested in this workshop include the following – please reply to this email if you are interested in planning or participating:

Todd Thompson, BLM; Stan Frazier, BLM; Stewart Toshach, NOAA; Pam Fuller, USGS; Debbie Reusser, USGS; Peter Paquet, NPCC; Nancy Elder, USGS; Bruce Schmidt, PSMFC;

Action Items for information management workshop:

Action Item: identify an initial set of NNS information systems that could benefit from improved coordination

Action Item: articulate the purposes of each information system and develop a plan to supply each system with the kind of monitoring data needed to fulfill that purpose

Action item: develop plan/tools to minimize redundancy in data management systems and maximize the use of monitoring data

thanks,

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Subject PNAMP Aquatic/Riparian Invasives Monitoring Coordination Worksession Jan 24, 2008 NOTES

Greetings Participants in the January 2008 PNAMP Invasives Monitoring Coordination Worksession,

Thanks for your participation in our recent worksession! I hope you agree that we took some big steps forward with respect to finding ways to improve coordination between existing monitoring programs and the early detection network for nonnatives/invasive species. In fact, I have already received feedback that people connected through this event are working together in new ways. I believe we will see a great deal more of this if we can follow through on the great ideas you all put forward.

As a first step, please take a look at the attached notes. We tried to characterize the general intent and capture all the many specific steps you suggested. Please review and reply to me with your suggestions, edits, volunteers for action items, etc by Feb 21. Following review by participants, I will send another message to you all and forward the notes to other interested parties (those who couldn't attend, the PNAMP Steering Committee, etc.)

Many of the your suggestions led to action items to prepare (or share existing) resources, such as training resources, species lists, contact lists for taxonomic experts, and protocols. We discussed producing a newsletter, which could be a great way to combine a number of these products we discussed into a easy-to-distribute package, in addition to posting on the PNAMP website (and other places?). A few of you expressed interest in developing a newsletter - you will hear from Jacque soon.

Jacque & I will help you follow through on these action items - so expect to hear more from us soon and feel free to reach out to us anytime for help. As you complete items, let us know. A few of these tasks would likely benefit from a small group effort - we will reach out to those who volunteered to see what you think is most effective. We will provide a summary of progress in about 6 weeks; in the meantime, don't hesitate to share this with your colleagues. As you know, our success is dependent on voluntary contributions and we could use more volunteers!

I want to highlight a few specific urgent actions that were identified:

Upcoming training opportunities:

- USFWS has scheduled several HACCP training sessions in the region and is willing to consider more if there is interest. Contact Paul Heimowitz (Paul_Heimowitz@fws.gov) for details.
- USGS is coordinating volunteer dive team training tentatively scheduled for late Feb/March 2008 (at Lake Mead?). Contact Scott Smith (sssmith@usgs.gov) for details.
- USFWS would like increase quagga/zebra mussel collection efforts and needs to know who is sampling habitats where veligers could be collected; also, wants to let others know PSU is available for identification work.

MORE NEXT STEPS: We agreed to tackle data/information coordination at a later workshop - please reply

by Feb 21 if you would like to help plan this next session. A few folks have already been engaged in this discussion (Cynthia Tait, Scott Smith, Todd Thompson, Stan Frazier, Bruce Schmidt) - please consider helping to set the stage for another productive day later this spring. I have reached out to the Northwest Environmental Data Network (NED) folks and they are interested in helping with this work. After the 21st, we will solicit a good time for a teleconference for those who express interest in helping to plan this workshop.

And last but certainly not least, I would like to acknowledge the planning team that initiated this event - Steve Lanigan, Paul Heimowitz, Sam Chan, Jeff Uebel, Cynthia Tait, Scott Smith, and Chris Moyer - thanks for your initiative and work to get this started! And thanks to all of you for participating and volunteering your time.

All participants' contact information is included with the notes. We will continue to update this list with others interested in joining this effort. All the materials shared during the worksession and these notes are posted on the PNAMP website: <http://www.pnamp.org/web/calendar/PNAMPDayPage.cfm?compdate=01/24/2008>

I look forward to hearing your reaction to the notes and seeing action items ticked off our list!

thanks again,

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