

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
Action Team Statement of Intent**

Aquatic Invasive Species Action Team:

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2015 Purpose:

The intent of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Action Team is to develop and offer resources that will help slow the spread of aquatic invasive species and lessen their environmental and economical impacts. Support will be offered to organizations, agencies, businesses, landowners and managers, volunteers, and staff, which will promote prevention, identification, monitoring, and management of AIS populations in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition.

2015 Regular Meetings:

Meets on odd numbered months via conference call. Meeting times are scheduled by the WRISC Coordinator using doodle poll results.

2015 Goals:

1. Promote a coordinated public media campaign to prevent and slow the spread of AIS by using existing campaigns, including the Michigan and Wisconsin Clean Boats Clean Water programs.
2. Facilitate species identification, monitoring, and management of AIS populations in the WRISC area.
3. Update WRISC partners with any new or spreading AIS populations and management resources
4. Assist WRISC partners to successfully request, secure and complete approved aquatic invasive species projects
5. Each spring conduct a Clean Boats Clean Waters training for staff, volunteers, and citizens. In addition, educate citizens through AIS events/workshops, with a goal of one per county in 2015.

March 18, 2015 Meeting Agenda (9:00-9:40am)

In attendance: Emily, Ann, Ryan, Margie, John

1. Final edits/comments on 2015 team goals

All agreed the goals look good as is.

2. 2015 WDNR Boatwash Agreement (Margie)

Margie reported that the response from Greg Matzke (WDNR Fisheries) was that he was very pleased with last year's arrangement and would like to do it again. Margie asked if the agreement would change with one boatwash stationed in Marinette this year. Ann reported

that it should not change things that much, since in 2014 during the week one boatwash was kept in Florence and one stored in Kingsford, but the DNR still took care of storage/maintenance for both. Anderson addressed concern over added mileage retrieving boatwash from Florence every week, but it was seen that storage/maintenance made up for the inconvenience. Margie will look for word doc version of agreement to pass to Ann to edit for 2015 arrangement.

3. Strategic Mgmt Plan: Opportunity for action team to give input (focus on Goals 2, 3, and 4)

Margie suggested a better numbering system for the strategic actions to specifically reference to them, such as 2.1.a, 2.1.b, etc. Anderson agreed this might work better than other numbering systems that use 2.1.1, 2.1.2, etc. Since some team members had already worked on the mgmt. plan on other action teams, team members were asked to submit comments by the end of the month so they can be collected prior to the BOD meeting.

4. Priority Species List Revision

Anderson explained changes implemented by the Terrestrial Action Team. For double listed species Chinese Mystery Snail and Watercress, the team decided to place Mystery Snails in Tier 3 and Watercress in Tier 1 due to their widespread and rare distributions.

Team agreed to add Red Swamp Crayfish, Crazy Worm, and Faucet Snail and debated on where to put them since they are rare (if present at all) in the WRISC area. It was debated what species should be included in list if not present in the WRISC area. Anderson and Ann suggested a summer staff member could spend time reviewing species not present in the WRISC area and determining how close they are (ie. the threat). Fishhook Waterflea is not known in any inland lakes in Wisconsin, and it was decided not to add the species at this time, but to perhaps review it again in the future.

Ann stated her desire to move narrow-leaf cattail from the low priority category. The plant seems to be less common in Dickinson and Menominee counties. Anderson believed cattail is fairly common in the southern part of the area. John and Ryan agreed it is common to widespread in their regions. Margie was not sure of its distribution in Florence. Will keep it in tier 3 for time being, but more distribution information is needed to make a decision.

Team was asked to start thinking about a top 10 or top 5 aquatic invasive targets to discuss in the future once the final list is complete.

5. 2015 CBCW Staff/Training outlook

Margie has reserved the FNRC for May 20 for a CBCW joint training with WRISC. Anderson and Ann will be hiring 3 full time summer staff members, two of which are returning and a third which they are currently interviewing for. Anderson agreed that May 20 sounded like a good date, with most candidates available at that time. They will know more by the end of the week when a candidate is chosen.

6. New signage through GLRI grant; design status and request for additional signage needs

Anderson summarized what signage will be ordered with the GLRI funds: 1 new boatwash station sidewalk sign, 2 new sidewalk sign panels to update existing sign, new 30"x40" poster for metal A-frame sign (need to determine ownership of sign first), new WRISC brochures, and 2 different yard signs (CBCW inspector and SAH).

Anderson explained the numbers of yard signs has not been determined yet, and asked if there were any other signage needs to prioritize over this. Everyone seemed happy with the yard signs and didn't have other suggestions.

In reviewing the yard sign designs, the team liked the CBCW designs and agreed that the turquoise SAH sign was preferred. Ann suggested changing the "Clean Drain Dry" message to white to make it pop more.

7. Events

a. WI AIS partners and CISMA meetings (March)

Anderson and John will be attending both days, Ryan will be attending the AIS meeting.

b. WI Lakes Convention (April)

Anderson and John will both be attending.

c. AIS Demonstration Sites

Margie suggested a Barrens Lake Milfoil pulling demonstration. Anderson and Ann mentioned that a demonstration is written into the Michigan grant, along with funding to make a video on different techniques. Requested suggestions for video topics or volunteers. Ryan said that last year a dive shop owner in Marinette had taken underwater video of their DASH unit in action.

Anderson mentioned that there is not much funding for her to do an AIS demonstration outside of Michigan, she could help participate but would not have the time to schedule an event in Wisconsin.

d. Other Events?

Margie reported that Florence plans on participating in the AIS Bridge Snapshot day in August. Anderson said she may not be able to help as that Saturday is also Florence and Marinette's county fair.

Anderson requested that everyone send her any events such as tournaments where WRISC should take the boatwash this year.

8. Other

9. BOD Agenda Items

Boatwash agreement

Strategic Mgmt Plan

Priority Species List

2015 Staff