

**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.

July 22 2015 Meeting Minutes 1:00-1:50pm

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Margie Yadro, Scott Goodwin, Jennifer Johnson

1. CBCW/Outreach Summer Progress

- a. **WRISC:** *Anderson passed along updates from Ann Hruska. With WRISC's MI grant 10 lakes have received eDNA testing for AIS, and through WRISC Partner UP RC&D an additional 8 lakes in Michigan and Wisconsin were also tested. There has also been genetic testing of milfoil. Preliminary results indicated positive hits for zebra mussels in two previously unknown waters that are being retested in case of false positives. Milfoil testing revealed ~65-75% is hybridized. Two lakes (Sawyer and Norway) still have pure*

EWM, some lakes are a mix of EWM and hybrid, and some lakes are straight hybrid. Johnson requested that WRISC send her any updated AIS information for Michigan as she works to update their database.

- b. Updates from Partners:** *Prior to the meeting John Preuss emailed an update on the confirmation of EWM in Roberts Lake in Forest County. Yadro gave an update on Florence County's extensive CBCW program: 14 people covering 11 landings, to date 1,300 boats inspected and 3,000 people contacted. The data coming in is good and Yadro expects other counties in Wisconsin are looking at Florence's large program as a potential model. Yadro also invited WRISC to help in removal of milfoil from Barrens lake, and inquired more about eDNA testing, suggesting it as a future presentation topic at the October ANSWERS meeting.*
- 2. MI Grant Projects** *Anderson requested input from the group on select deliverables of the Michigan grant.*
 - a. AIS Field Demonstrations** *Grant deliverables include 3 AIS field demonstrations total. The July 17 aquatic vegetation training/mapping demo may count for one. The group discussed what topics would work well for demonstrations. Johnson suggested doing field demonstrations as part of a lake association's annual meeting on their lake.*
 - b. Targeted Materials** *Grant deliverables also include targeted education/outreach materials for which we feel a need. Johnson suggested more outreach involving the bait industry, and Yadro agreed. Ideas included: a bait ID sticker for use on bait buckets, a display on bait/laws (display board, poster, or sign, depending on money), and updates to the WRISC website. Yadro also pointed team members to Wisconsin's bait shop initiative for more resources. The team will work more on this project after the field season.*
- 3. Target Species List** *This item was moved down the agenda. Anderson and Yadro explained the reasoning behind a target species list and work done at previous team meetings. Johnson suggested adding one more species to the tentative list and calling it the "Dirty Dozen." The team agreed and Yadro suggested the crazy worm be added to the list. Discussion followed on the threat of the crazy worm and if Michigan was doing anything regarding it.*
- 4. Other** *Additional discussions involved a recent Zequanox presentation by the Invasive Mussel Collaborative (recorded online) and if WRISC should pursue this as a future board/event/ANSWERS meeting presentation or a future grant project. The upcoming October Marquette Invasives conference was also discussed.*
- 5. BOD Agenda item(s)**
 - Dirty Dozen List*
 - WRISC letters of support for Partner Projects (Yadro)*