

**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.

September 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes 1:00-1:40pm

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Scott Goodwin, John Preuss, Lindsay Peterson, Jen Johnson

1. **Welcome Lindsay Peterson:** *Lindsay was hired in May to head up the aquatic field work for WRISC's MI Grant. Recently, it was determined that WRISC would be able to keep Lindsay on part time through the winter heading up the Michigan Grant. She will be participating regularly in the AIS Action Team.*
2. **Boatwash**
 - a. **update/end-of-season schedule:** *Emily gave an update on WRISC's 2 boatwash units. The one remaining WRISC boatwash technician will continue using one of the*

boatwashes on weekends staying close to home at Lake Antoine and Twin Falls. Greg Cleereman is returning the second boatwash to Florence this week. Emily will coordinate with Greg Matzke (WDNR-Florence) on end of the year maintenance/storage.

- b. GLRI 2016 grant to buy new boatwash with containment pad:** *Emily told the team the WRISC has been tentatively approved for GRLI fiscal year 2015 funds to use in 2016 to continue boatwash work. While WRISC has not received a grant contract or a final number, we did request funds for a new boatwash with a containment pad to operate in compliance with Michigan regulations.*
- c. Discuss best use of boatwashes in 2016:** *In 2015 Emily felt the Marinette boatwash was not well used. With the likelihood of a having a third boatwash in 2016, she asked the group for options to make best use the boatwashes. One idea Emily had was to station a boatwash at a busy landing and recruit a lake association to help oversee and operate the boatwash.*

John agreed that Lake Metonga would be a good option to station a boatwash. Scott reported that the boatwash in Florence County at Spread Eagle (bought by lake association) was put to good use in 2015. Jen suggested Ann Hruska reach out Dickinson Lakes and that Tournaments continue to be targeted.

Emily will talk to Ann about citizen liability issues and work with John to gauge Lake Metonga's interest.

- 3. Dirty Dozen Outreach Materials: Brochure notes, website, other:** *Emily mentioned that the Dirty Dozen invasive species will be made into a website feature this winter and asked team members to send her any input or ideas for the brochure/website.*

4. New invasives, eDNA results, and discussion:

Team discussed new non-eDNA AIS finds: John gave update on Lake Gordon Yellow Floating Heart (3 plants just found and pulled); Scott announced the finding of Zebra Mussels in Florence County's Loon Lake, and Eurasian Water Milfoil in Keyes Lake (4 burlap bags hand-pulled with WRISC). Jen announced the finding of Didymo in the St Mary's River in the eastern UP. Emily relayed up-to-date info on Starry Stonewort finds: 6 SE Wisconsin lakes and 1 Minnesota lake. Emily presented the eDNA results received so far from lakes in Florence, Dickinson, and Menominee counties tested through WRISC's Michigan grant and the UP RC&D's Pulling Together grant. Lindsay conducted plankton tows on two lakes with new eDNA zebra mussels hits, Norway Lake and Shakey Lakes. Analysis of the Norway Lake sample has not revealed zebra mussel veligers yet.

The group discussed the eDNA results, including what it means if only 1/6 replicates test positive. Jen cautioned that the results need to followed up with surveys to confirm, and that WRISC should be careful discussing preliminary results with lake citizens. Emily and Lindsay agreed, and Lindsay and Scott will be working together on additional sampling.

- 5. Other:** *Jen asked if WRISC had any protocols for following up on eDNA results with surveys. Emily replied that follow up has largely been determined by available grant funding and staff time.*

6. BOD Agenda item(s)

eDNA/new invasive update