

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
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March 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes (9:00-10:00am)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Darcy Rutkowski, Lindsay Peterson, John Preuss

1. Review WRISC data forms

- a. Survey/Inventory form (WRISC form and citizen form):** *Suggested changes included: The addition of a signature line and hours spent on the citizen monitoring form and on the WRISC form changing the population size into 2 columns, estimated size and actual size.*
 - b. Control treatment form:** *Several edits to the front page of this form: Grant listed required not optional, addition of start/end time and man hours; remove area for hand-drawn map to increase available space; addition of manual efforts monitoring section to include metrics such as bags pulled; refine the section on infested area vs. area treated to better capture the area actually treated.*
 - c. Control prioritization tool – discuss content, current use, future use, edits:** *The team agreed that while this tool is rarely used to calculate actual scores, it does demonstrate the items WRISC takes into consideration when selecting control sites. Edits to the form include: addition of “last date updated;” changing the points awarded based on species for early detection to weigh more in the overall score; and changing the funding item to the availability of Partner resources/assistance. Edits to this form will take place when time allows since it is not necessary to have completed by the field season.*
- 2. WRISC QGIS database update:** *Emily discussed ongoing plans to start an internal WRISC database on invasive locations. Once it is started input will be sought on what data to track.*
 - 3. European Marsh Thistle test plot monitoring:** *Team reviewed the plot monitoring forms from 2015 and a new edited form for 2016. They discussed the purpose of the plots in regards to seed production/viability, and no changes were suggested for the new form at this time. The monitoring form will be sent out to the WRISC mailing list before summer.*
 - 4. Boat launch AIS monitoring – Idea for citizen volunteers:** *Emily and Lindsay discussed this idea for a volunteer project and a potential training video for the MI grant requirement. The boat launch monitoring would likely include visual inspections for wetland plants, docks for zebra mussels, and rake throws for aquatic plants. Lindsay will look more into this.*
 - 5. Other:** *The team discussed plans for the annual meeting afternoon training with Hank. Lindsay will talk more with Darcy and Hank to plan the training.*
 - 6. BOD Agenda Item(s)**