

**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.

**May 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes (9:00-9:30am)**

*In attendance: Emily Anderson, Ann Hruska, Ryan Parchim*

1. 2015 AIS staff/events  
*Anderson and Hruska gave brief update on Florence County's hiring of CBCW staff since Yadro was unable to attend the AIS meeting. Anderson also gave update on CBCW training on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and the two CBCW trainings conducted by Preuss. She also requested that folks pass along information for any summer events where CBCW staff and/or a boatwash could be used. Parchim discussed the 2015 Drain Campaign and ice packs, and Hruska mentioned the 2015 Michigan Landing Blitz.*
  - a. 2015 staff (WRISC, Florence, other)

- b. CBCW trainings
  - c. Summer events
- 2. Michigan Grant Status (Emily)

*Anderson informed group that WRISC had received the final Michigan grant agreement to sign, and are just waiting on grant officials to sign the document before work can begin. Summer staff are hired to conduct AIS work under this grant, but work still needs to be done to plan and organize what work will take place this year.*
- 3. Signage update, request for other material needs

*Anderson gave update on SAH and CBCW yard signs that partners can request and will be distributed at the May 20 CBCW training and the June 3 annual meeting. Group discussed the coordination of boatwash materials with Marinette county, including one boatwash to be stationed there all summer, a boatwash sidewalk sign, and a CBCW kit.*
- 4. Priority Species List: Any final changes, choose top species

*Team reviewed the priority species list and had no additions or changes for it. They reviewed species suggested by the Terrestrial action team, and agreed on all proposed aquatic and wetland species. They did add Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed to the proposed list of top species. Hruska suggested that Yellow Floating Heart not be added to the public list, but kept in mind by all WRISC staff and partners when conducting survey work, and internal watch species.*
- 5. Other

*Hruska reminded group that there will be eDNA testing conducted by WRISC's Michigan grant and a grant project by the UP RC&D. Under the UP RC&D's grant, several Wisconsin lakes could be tested. Hruska will talk more to Darcy later today about it, but asks for suggestions from Wisconsin partners for lakes to test.*
- 6. BOD Agenda item(s)

*Priority Species List*