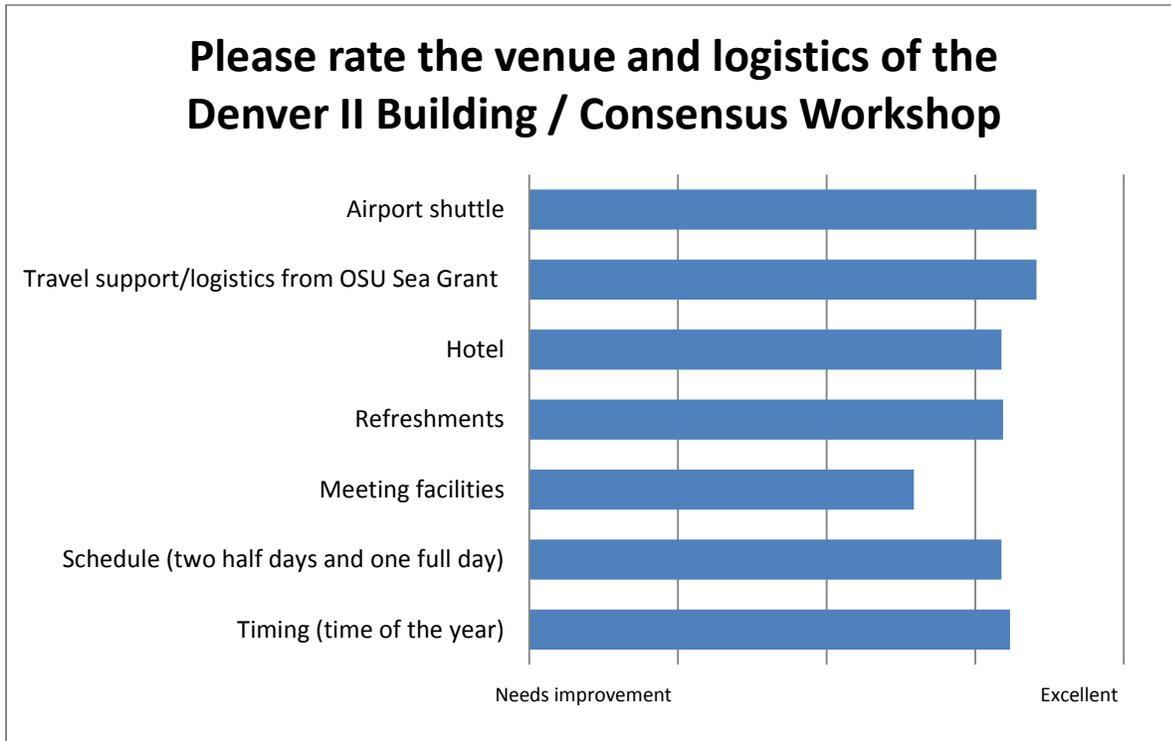


Denver II Post Workshop Evaluation

17/28 completed online evaluation post workshop (including planning committee members)

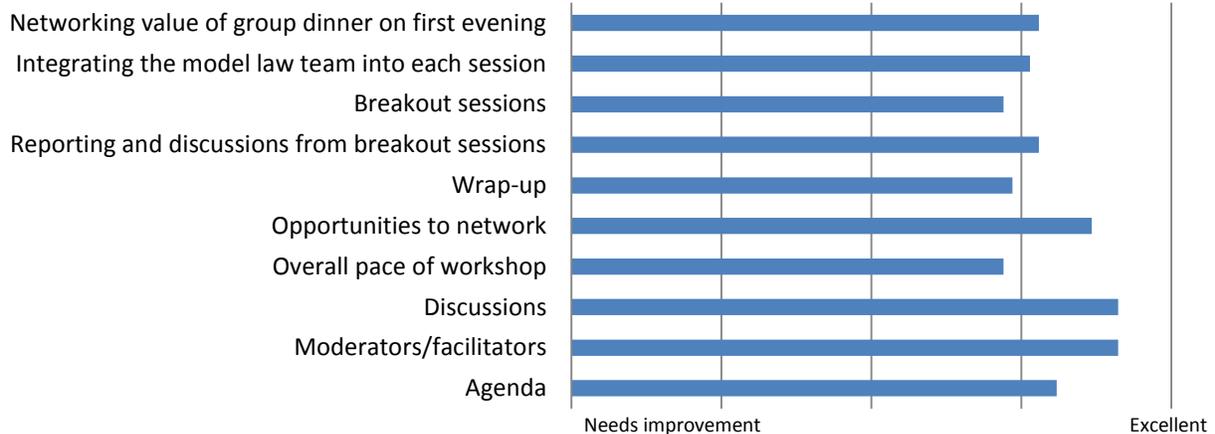


Other comments:

- Great logistics
- I felt the 2.0 days was a bit more rushed than when we met for Denver I. Travel and then trying to meet on the same day was tough for those that needed to get up early AM for flights (I didn't have to do that). I think 2 full days and a half day would make more sense and keep some aspects of the workshop from being rushed.
- Arizona next time????
- Meeting schedule of two half days and one full day created a productive setting and allowed more travel flexibility. Had some initial issues checking in at the Hampton. Jen was helpful and accommodating. Airport shuttles were a perfect fit for the schedule. Thanks to Elizabeth and crew.
- I wasn't a fan if the 2 half day format; it felt rushed. While 2 full days is stressful and intense, I really feel we accomplished more last September. As far as facilities, wifi would be nice.
- Still need to work out kinks on the shuttle. Maybe the drivers need the entire cell numbers of the riders.
- I realize that cost can be an issue, but I really think a hotel conference room that has WiFi and open entry would be best. I try to have meeting materials on a tablet or laptop rather than printed, and I couldn't do that without an internet connection. And, as much as I hate to admit, the ability to multi-task a bit to keep up with important messages from home base is important to being able to attend and participate.
- The airport shuttle was extremely helpful and made the trip much easier
- First off I would like to say that I think the meeting was very successful as we were able to discuss and come to consensus on lots of difficult topics. The facilities needed improvement only in the fact that access was not smooth, would be better to have the meeting in a location where we can come and go without having to be escorted. I know that funding is limited, but these meetings are more successful with good participation from all involved programs-limited travel support limits participation and overall success. Having two long days including travel just made it longer to adapt to the setting and limited my attention on the two half days.

- I was flying in for the meeting a day early and told the meeting organizer in Oregon but wasn't contacted by the van drivers in time to ensure I would be picked up from the airport. In the future it would be wonderful to continue to offer free shuttles but to give confirmation a week or so before the trip that rides will be provided for people on specific flights.
- The program was well run, and it was helpful for the AIS Coordinators to convene. However, I do think that it would be helpful for someone to assist in steering the conversation of the AIS Coordinators so that more people have the opportunity to talk (and that people be limited in their responses) because the conversation often veered into only one or two people controlling the conversation and being way too repetitive.
- As a gluten-free eater, the bulk of the breakfast refreshments were not an option. Facilitation for these meeting has been outstanding as has the logistical support. Thanks to all who have contributed so much energy and thought.
- Holding the workshop in February crosses over with several states' legislative sessions. Depending on the program, some AIS coordinators may need to be closer to their home office while the legislature considers law changes and budgets during the session. It may be better to hold the workshop toward the end of March.
- Thank you for the support provided with snacks, coffee, and the shuttle. It does help with our individual travel expenses.

Please rate the following technical workshop elements of the Denver / II Building Consensus Workshop



Other comments:

- Well planned with real outcomes
- While the breakout sessions seemed great, I think there is concern that each coordinator didn't have enough input (if you weren't a part of that breakout group). Denver I- I felt was perfect in that all coordinators were able to voice their thought, ideas, stories, etc. on all aspects the group was discussing. Definitely means more time/days to accomplish but if a coordinator doesn't feel he/she has been able to provide significant input they may or may not want to adopt a section. As for the pace, it again goes back to the 2 half days and 1 full day agenda.
- Ambitious agenda that was for the most part, accomplished. Would have liked to listen in on the other break-out discussions. / More deliberate facilitation of the break-out reports. / Session on WID training and certification generated interesting case studies from fellow coordinators, stimulating deeper thinking and outcomes. / Good having Stephanie and the law team in the same room contributing to the thinking.

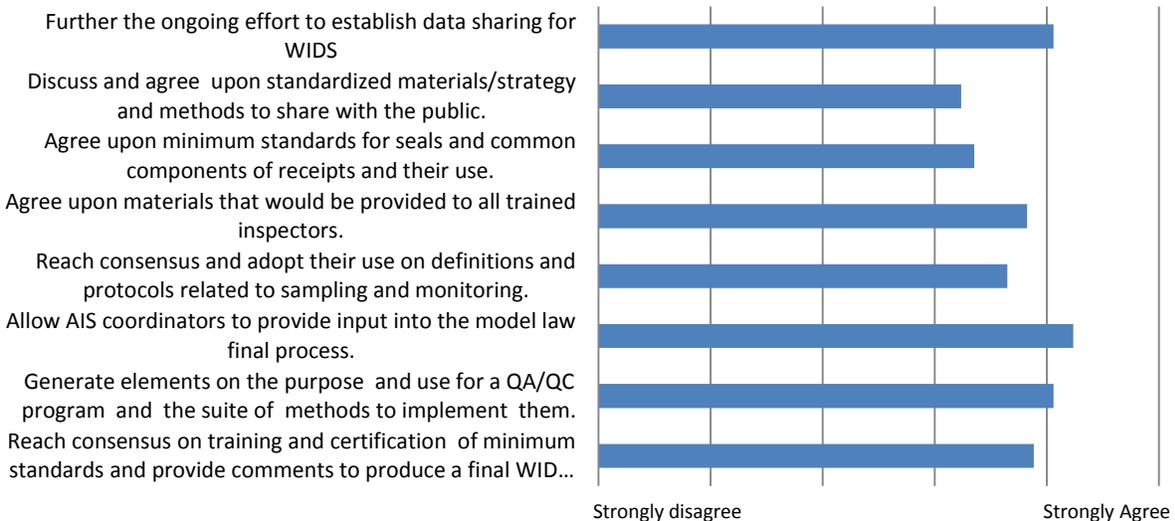
- The first night dinner was a little frustrating. The dinner the first night in Sept. worked better.
- I am not usually a fan of breakout sessions, but these were very well planned, organized, and facilitated. The reporting from the separate break-outs were really good to get everyone looped back into the discussion in the other room.
- The outreach topic was not covered and that was one of the items I really wanted to get feedback in person at the meeting.
- Please see my initial comments concerning repetition and need for controlling the conversation to move things along in a smoother fashion.
- We needed more time to discuss some topics so we ended up skipping over some topics that were originally on the agenda.



Other comments:

- Emphasis on completing a session and getting agreement was good. On the other hand, we ran out of time for the outreach piece.
- This was one of the first workshops I attended that I thought had the kind of aggressive agenda and facilitation to make it worth my while. I prefer intense, well planned, active discussions that focus on things that matter and have an end point. "well done" to the facilitation team.

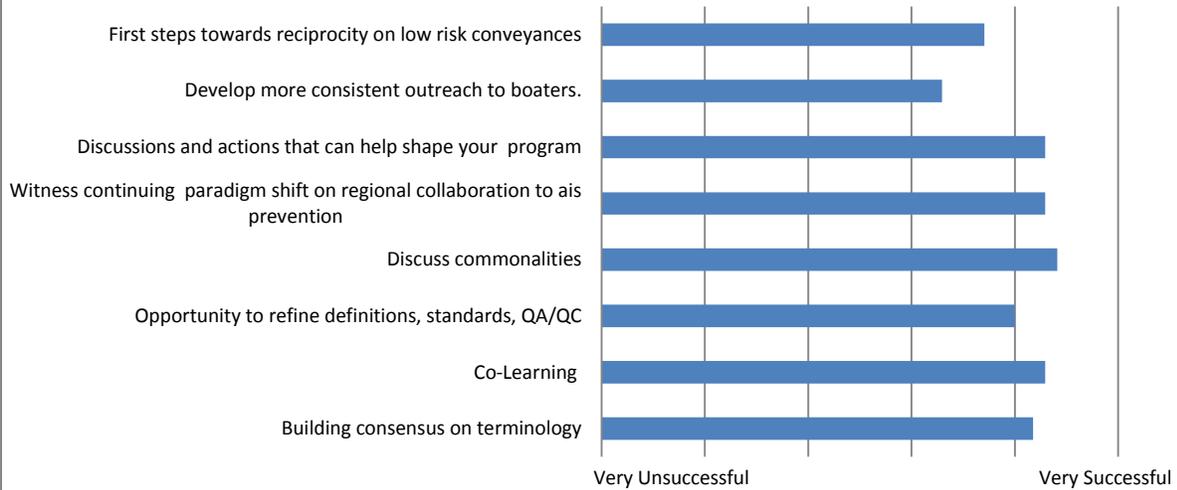
The participants were successful in meeting the following workshop/objectives:



Other comments:

- Disappointed we did not cover outreach....that is the basis of State AIS programs.
- Session on standardized materials/strategy/methods to share with the public was deferred.
- I am disappointed in the fact that the group stepped away from reciprocity- I agree that we reached consensus on minimum standards but do not know what it means when every state stated that they would not feel comfortable with an inspection unless it was inspected in their state by their inspectors. I feel that if we continue on this path we will lose public support for our respective programs.
- I didn't feel the topics above that I indicated I disagreed with were provided. I didn't get clear descriptions of what items would be shared with the public and standardized.
- I felt like some of these topics were not covered adequately because we spent extra time to work on others
- We didn't get to public messaging. Also, this would be more productive, after we had meeting minutes to review, i.e to confirm that we all know what we agree to.

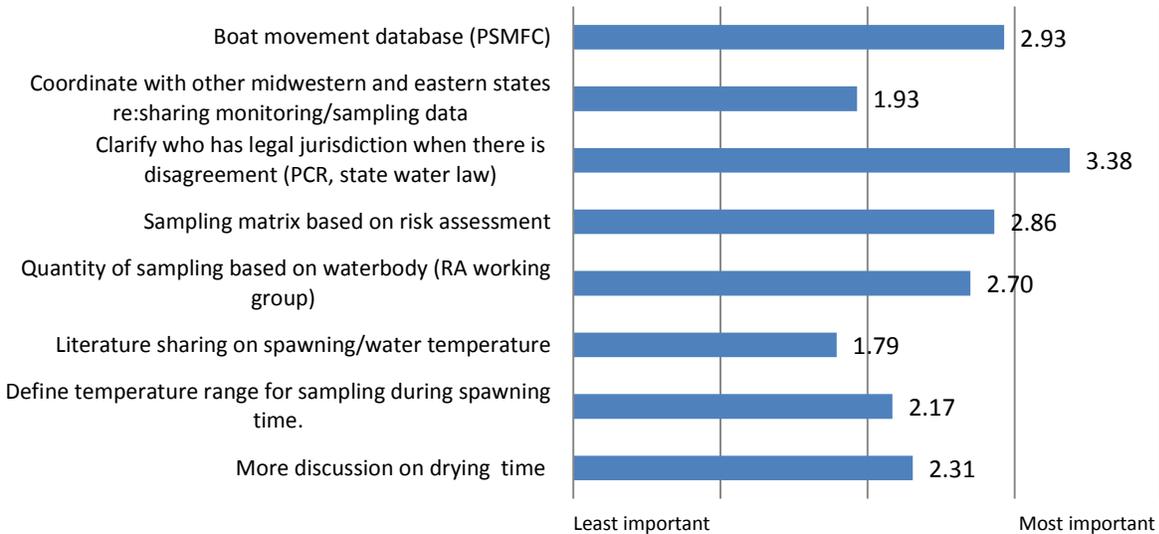
How successful was the Denver II workshop in meeting those Denver I criterion for success?



Other comments:

- We also discussed differences, not just commonalities. Only touched on consistent outreach. Needs more work.
- I didn't feel outreach was covered and feel that it would have been very helpful to have a section in the meeting on it. To find out what other states are doing so that other states could use similar materials.
- Although attempted to accomplish these, the Coordinators were too far apart and unfortunately became stuck in the weeds on many of the issues. However, I do believe there was a clear benefit in that they were able to hear from one another.

Rank these parking lot items to accomplish over next 6 months



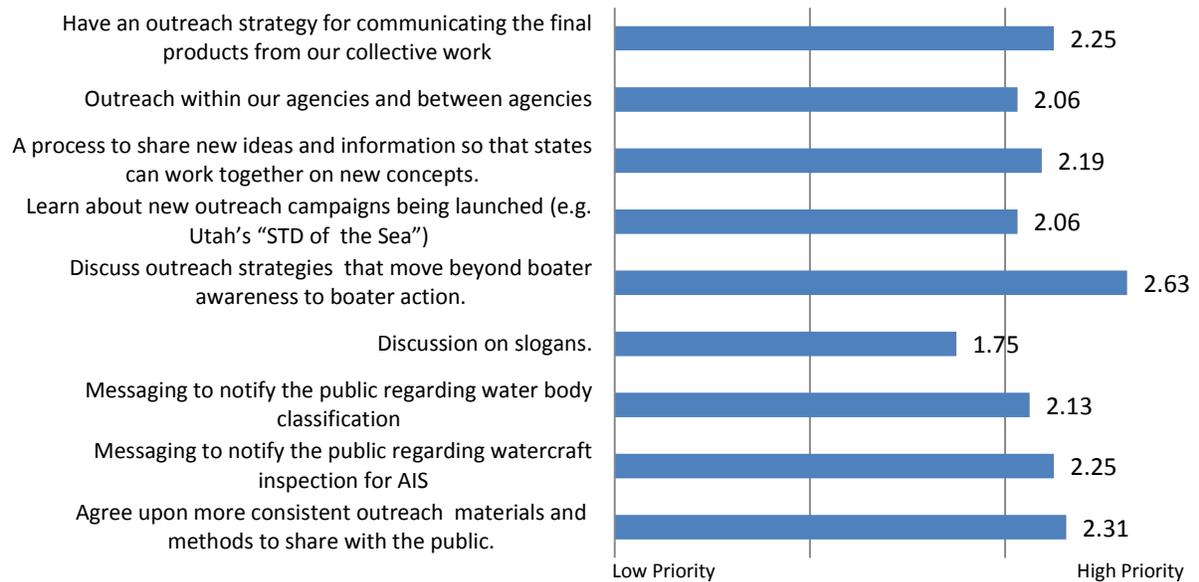
Top 3 parking lot items:

1. Clarify who has legal jurisdiction when there is disagreement (PCR, state water law)
2. Boat movement database (PSMFC)
3. Sampling matrix based on risk assessment

Other comments:

- Consider data sharing and coordination with Midwestern and eastern states by having a national system in place that aids in alerting infested boat movement.

What aspects of outreach and education would you like the planning/team to prioritize for a webinar this spring?



Top 4 outreach and education priorities:

1. Discuss outreach strategies that move beyond boater awareness to boater action
2. Agree upon more consistent outreach materials and methods to share with the public
3. Message to notify the public regarding watercraft inspection for AIS
4. Have an outreach strategy for communicating the final products from our collective work on the Building Consensus workshops (e.g. consistent protocols, model law, data sharing, outreach approaches)

Other comments:

- Outreach has been an underlying, but most silent emphasis in our workshops. Let's begin a more deliberate emphasis on outreach and a strategy for it.
- It's my opinion that the Clean, Drain, Dry message to the boating public is adequate to use for getting the important message about AIS prevention. This slogan is only a few years old and it would be best to keep using it for the future to remain giving boaters a consistent message they can understand. I get frustrated that every couple of years states are spending limited resources to create new outreach campaigns and slogans rather than keeping all western states onboard with the same message.

Open-ended questions:

What could be done to make our work on "Building/ Consensus" more relevant to you and the entity you represent?

- Assist in adapting protocols tour state codes
- Keep up the momentum to get this done so we can have some products in hand to refer to as regionally reviewed approach. OK with meeting again as long as we are focused. Need some PR/press releases to emphasize what we have accomplished.

- For future workshops, a definition of what we want/need to accomplish in order ahead of time is important, and the agenda should be aggressive. The facilitator(s) need to be able to balance between letting the group "run" and keeping them "on task". It is also important that the facilitators remind the group that they don't have to agree, or recognize that every state is different. But finding the high points of agreement is important. The facilitators of this meeting did this all well.
- I think the major focal points should be standardization of terminology and sampling/monitoring protocol. I feel that is really the starting point and base for this entire process. We need to agree on what certain things mean or entail and then we need to take that info back to our states and get our own people to buy into this effort. It is not helpful to include separate definitions or categories because one state "has always done it that way" If we are all sampling/monitoring to at least the same minimum standards that we all agree on, I think the logical next steps (standardization of WIDS and reciprocity) will come much easier. Reciprocity will never happen if a state cannot or will not accept sampling/monitoring results of another state.
- Discussed outreach materials and workshops that have worked so states that don't have as developed programs can get materials to use as guides to build their own materials.
- More information about boater movement to/from my region to states with infested waters. Outreach efforts that can be shared among states to instill the message and reduce costs to states with limited outreach funding.
- I think we are making good progress. It is expected that working as a group of several agencies guided by different laws, rules, and political climates that we would move slowly. The meeting is helpful in giving us all an opportunity to shape our AIS programs to be as similar as possible.

Please provide any additional comments

- Looking forward to the Summit
- I think the Building Consensus workshop is on the right track. There is a whole lot to discuss and come to agreement on. Taking on too much at each workshop could be the Achilles heel. This consensus is important enough that we understand that progress may speed up or slow down depending on the topic at hand.
- Arizona next time....
- When are we reconvening the broader group that started this process in Phoenix? Much of what we have worked on is relevant to the NPS . Engage NPS field unit participation. Law enforcement officer from Washington State provided perspectives.
- This has been a great project that I have seen a lot of value from. It's encouraging to see western states coordinating on such a high level but at the same time there are significant holes still open that need to be filled. Unfortunately, most of the holes are open because of political reasons and because of that its unlikely they will be filled anytime soon. That being said, the building consensus project has been money and resources very well spent as the cooperation needle has definitely moved in a positive direction.
- The hotel that was next to the one we stayed at looked nicer.
- My comments on making the program improve have already been noted. I think this is a good program and helpful to essential parties overall, but improvements in the areas I have outlined would be helpful.
- I'm enthusiastic about the work that has come out of these meetings. I believe the networking opportunities among state agencies has resulted in more understanding of the other state's programs and overall more productive relationships. Thank you!