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**FINAL AGENDA**

**Legal and Regulatory Efforts to Minimize Expansion of Invasive Mussels through Watercraft Movements – a Co-Learning Workshop**

**August 22-23, 2012**

Doubletree - Airport

Phoenix, Arizona

**Tuesday, August 21**

5-7:00 pm Registration Table Jennifer Lam, Oregon Sea Grant and Leah

(Grand Foyer in front of Ballroom) Elwell, WRP Coordinator

5:30-7 pm Reception (DoubleTree Atrium) Hosted by National Sea Grant Law Center and National Association of Attorneys General

**Wednesday, August 22**

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| 5:45 am | **Breakfast** @ **Belvedere American B&G** | Complimentary from Doubletree |
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| 6:45 am  8:00 am | **Board Buses for Lake Pleasant Field Trip**  **(Departs 7:00 am sharp)**  **Welcome** **to Lake Pleasant**  Fouled boat and decontamination demonstration | Tom McMahon, Arizona Game and Fish Department  Tom McMahon, AzGFD Kami Silverwood, AzGFD; Larry Dalton, UT; Amy Ferriter, ID; Elizabeth Brown, CO |
| 9:00 am | Travel to Pleasant Harbor Marina “The Galley” Restaurant |  |
| 9:20 am | Quagga/Zebra Mussel Life History | Dr. Bob McMahon, University of Texas-Arlington |
| 10:00 am  10:15 am  10:30 am | Industry impacts of mussels  Infrastructure impacts of mussels  Case Study: Fiesta Queen: interdiction, decontamination, costs & enforcement | Lesly Swanson, Salt River Project  Michael Johnston, Pleasant Harbor Marina  Mike Fowlks, Division of Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement Chief |
| 11:00 am | **Lunch** @ **The Galley** | Provided as courtesy of Salt River Project |
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| 11:45 pm | **Board buses for Return Trip to Hotel**  **(Departs 12:00 pm sharp)** |  |
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| 1:00 pm | **Arrive Hotel – Break to Recover** |  |
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| 2:00 pm  2:10 pm  2:20 pm | **Boat Movements and Lacey Act Session**  (Ballroom – Salons II, III, IV)  **Welcome to Phoenix**  Identify Charge of Workgroup | Moderator: Craig Martin, FWS, Chief – Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species  Bob Broscheid, Deputy Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department  Stephanie Showalter Otts, National Sea Grant Law Center |
| 2:30 pm  2:50 pm  3:10 pm | Pathways/Invasion Overview (Boat Movements)    Overview of Western coordination and outreach  Regulatory and outreach approaches to preventing invasive species | Amy Ferriter, Idaho Department of Agriculture  David Britton, FWS, Region 2 AIS Coordinator  Sam Chan and Jennifer Lam, Oregon Sea Grant |
| 3:30 pm | **Break** (Grand Foyer) |  |
| 3:45 pm | Lacey Act – and interactions with state laws | Bryan Landry, FWS, Region 2 RAC |
| 5:00 pm | **Adjourn and Evening Instructions** | Craig Martin, FWS |

**Thursday, August 23**

6:00 am **Breakfast** @ **Belvedere American B&G** Complimentary from Doubletree

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| 8:00 am | **Session 1: Authority to Stop Boats** (Ballroom)  Facilitated group discussion focused on (1) state authority to stop boats to inspect for invasives, (2) when can boats be seized, quarantined, and/or decontaminated, and (3) how interstate cooperation can be fostered (information sharing). | Group discussion, Facilitated by Jas Adams, Oregon Assistant Attorney General  Panel Members: Jas Adams, Oregon Assistant Attorney General, Angela Kaufmann, Idaho Deputy Attorney General; Marty Bushman, Utah Division of Wildlife Assistant Attorney General |
| 9:30 am | **Break** (Grand Foyer) |  |
| 10:00 am | **Session 2: Policy and Legislation Panel** (Ballroom)  Legislators will discuss the following topics:   * + What programs/laws have been successful? Why?   + What support is needed to pass legislation on AIS?   + How do you pay for it? How do you find funding?   + What are the challenges of legislation and how do you overcome them?   + What other programs need to be in place for successful policies? | Group discussion, Facilitated by Angela Kaufmann, Idaho Deputy Attorney General  Panel Members: Representative Jack Draxler, UT; Lisa DeBruyckere, Oregon Invasive Species Council Coordinator; Wendy Brown, Washington Invasive Species Council Coordinator |
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| 11:30 am | **Lunch (…on your own…)** |  |
| 12:45 pm  2:45 pm | **Session 3: Bridging the Gaps?** (Ballroom)  Three randomly selected sub-groups of conference attendees, each sub-group to be led by a designated facilitator, will address the following topics in light of the actual conditions in the states represented in each sub-group:    a. What are the “must have” elements of an effective AIS program?  b. In the represented states, what are the existing gaps in statutory and regulatory authority, program resources, and technical capabilities, which impede the effective prevention and control of aquatic invasive species?  c. In addition to "b" what additional critical barriers might impede the "must have" elements?  d. What are the changes in legislation, administrative rules, program resources and technical capabilities in the represented states needed to bridge those gaps in order to provide the essential elements of an effective program to prevent and control the spread of aquatic invasive species?  **Break** (Grand Foyer) | Three break out groups (Salons II, III, IV) facilitated by: Stephanie Showalter Otts, National Sea Grant Law Center; Paula Cotter, National Association of Attorney Generals; Bob Wiltshire, Invasive Species Action Network |
| 3:15 pm | **Session 4: Building Solutions: Action Plan for Developing Legal and Regulatory Mechanisms to Minimize Expansion of Invasive Mussels through Watercraft Movements** (Ballroom)  1) \*Reports from the three Session 3 Break-out groups.    Whole group facilitated discussion leading to short strategic plan to:  2) develop and prioritize actions (at a variety of scales – nationally, regionally, statewide, and locally) that can lead to a clear legal and regulatory path to minimize expansion of invasive mussels through watercraft movements;  3) identify the entities, their roles, responsibilities, specific tasks, support, products and timelines (e.g. network, information, policy, legal, constituent) to perform those actions | Group discussion facilitated by Lisa DeBruyckere, Oregon Invasive Species Council Coordinator.  \*Facilitator will synthesize responses from the three break-out groups in Sessions 3, questions “a” through “d” into a PowerPoint |
| 4:45 pm | **Next Steps** | Stephanie Showalter Otts, National Sea Grant Law Center |
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|  | **Adjourn by no later than 5:00 p.m.** |  |

