

# SEAPLANE INSPECTION COMMITTEE

WESTERN REGIONAL PANEL ON ANS

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A WRP WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN JANUARY 2018

# COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

## Original:

- Create standard inspection and decontamination protocols
- Create standard training and quality control requirements
- Determine a list of research needs related to the seaplanes as a vector of spread
- Determine a list of outreach and in-reach needs

## Committee Determined:

- Provide seaplane pilots easy access to contact information for western states
- Provide seaplane pilots easy access to infested waters data
- Provide seaplane pilots the ability to provide movement notices to states
- Examine the specific risk of different makes and models of seaplanes

# WHAT THE COMMITTEE IS NOT GOING TO DO

- Discuss and/or advocate for or against seaplane access in any way.
  - This is each state or water owner/manager's decision.
- Make recommendations for how states are to implement the seaplane inspection and decontamination protocols
- Make any determination related to whether or not states should consider a seaplane to be watercraft



# COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Elizabeth Brown - Committee Chair and WRP Chair
- Dennis Zabaglo – Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and WRP Vice-Chair
- Leah Elwell - Invasive Species Action Network and WRP Coordinator
- Bruce Hinds - WA, National Seaplane Pilots Association AIS Committee Chair
- Peter Gross - MT Seaplane Pilots Trainer
- Karl Higgons - ICON Aircraft Manufacturers
- Dee Davis - PSMFC WID Trainer
- Kate Wilson - Montana
- Tom Woolf - Montana
- Rick Boatner - Oregon
- Eric Anderson - Washington
- Erin Raney - Arizona
- Cynthia Tate - USFS
- James Dominguez - New Mexico
- John Wullschleger - NPS
- Nick Zurfluh - Idaho
- Stephen Phillips - PSMFC
- Tammy Davis - Arizona
- Robert Walters - Colorado
- Courtney Cooper - Colorado

# COMMITTEE MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

- Participation in conference calls as needed.
- Provide feedback and comment on documents and requests for information.
- Solicit feedback from affected constituents and communicate to committee.
- Route draft documents through their affected constituents (at the appropriate time as directed by Committee agreement) and provide comments/feedback to the Committee in a timely fashion.
- Be Positive! This is a place for solution based collaboration!



# REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR PROTOCOL

- UMPS III by PSMFC
- Western AIS Video by PSMFC - <https://www.westernais.org/seaplanes>
  - <https://westernais.smugmug.com/Videos>
- Seaplane Recommendations Final – August 2010 by PSMFC
  - [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/0e48c2\\_c11de5cf667743408833516fa62a6975.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/0e48c2_c11de5cf667743408833516fa62a6975.pdf)
- Seaplane guidance video
  - <https://www.seaplanepilotsassociation.org/invasive-species/>
- Seaplane guidance document
  - <https://seaplanes.wordpress.com/2010/07/20/procedure-to-avoid-transporting-invasive-species-by-seaplane-seaplane-pilots-foundation/>
- Current Western Regional WID Student and Trainer's Manuals –
  - <https://www.westernais.org/training-resources>

# STATUS: INSPECTION AND DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

- Self-inspection protocol – detailed in UMPS III
  - <https://www.westernais.org/seaplanes>
- Mandatory inspection protocol – completed by committee (six drafts)
  - Available upon request – December 2018
- Decontamination protocol
  - PSMFC updated seaplane education video – March 2019
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GT74NCgfYpl>





# STATUS OF OTHER OBJECTIVES

## Original:

- Create standard training and quality control requirements
  - Being discussed among WRP Education and Outreach Committee, and WID Committee
- Determine a list of research needs related to the seaplanes as a vector of spread
  - Completed - pending future additions or refinements
- Determine a list of outreach and in-reach needs
  - Delegated to WRP Education and Outreach Committee

## Committee Determined:

- Provide seaplane pilots easy access to contact information for western states
  - Done – ANSTF Experts Database
- Provide seaplane pilots easy access to infested waters data
  - Done – USGS NAS
- Provide seaplane pilots the ability to provide movement notices to states
  - Pending available funding – scope of work completed
- Examine the specific risk of different makes and models of seaplanes
  - Pending input from manufacturers – webinar scheduled for September 10, 2019



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# THANK YOU!

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