

To: El Dorado Response Team
From: Bob Pitman
Subject: PDA survey briefing
Friday, February 20, 2004

February 12th, a briefing on how to use the PDA's configured by David Britton for 100th Meridian Boater Surveys was held at the Corps of Engineers office at El Dorado Reservoir. Thanks to Jim Fry for accommodating the meeting. David compiled a reference outline and guided everyone through; how to fill-in the electronic survey forms, save the information and email survey files to the 100th Meridian database David maintains at the University of Texas-Arlington. Four PDA survey units with support material were distributed to the following points-of-contact last week.

- 1) Pam Chaffee – US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Perry/Lawrence, KS
- 2) Craig Johnson – Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, El Dorado Reservoir
- 3) Gordon Schneider - Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, Cheney Reservoir
- 4) Dr. Joe Bidwell, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, will also be collecting boater surveys while doing zebra mussel spread research downstream of El Dorado.

Jason Goeckler, KDWP, will work with David to add 100th Meridian boater surveys to the PDA's they are using for creel surveys which could add significantly to the information we will compare in August to develop strategies to prevent further spread by boats. One more PDA will be distributed to Alan Stark, KDWP, Region 4 Parks Supervisor, Wichita. The unit will be used at El Dorado State Park as boaters register. Please contact one of the five points-of-contact if you see a good opportunity to survey key boaters and would like to borrow a PDA. Please let us (David Britton, Bob Pitman) know if you have any problems using the PDA or saving and sending the surveys.

Attached is Craig Springer's article describing our work and concern for zebra mussel spread to other waters. It was sent to several sources for publication and carried by ESPN. Craig is a fishery biologist for the Service and spent several years doing field work before switching to outreach writing. Frequently he writes about aquatic invasive species and the impact they have on fishing and aquatic resources. His office is close to mine so I get to fuel his creative writing talents on a regular basis. (Sure, I have to bribe him to include me in his articles.)

Attendees: Casy Smithson, Clint Lee, Doug Lauxman, (KDWP, El Dorado State Park), Tom Mosher, Jason Goeckler, (KDWP, Emporia), Pam Chaffee, Monte Holland, (US Coast Guard Aux, Lawrence and Cheney), Craig Johnson, (KDWP, El Dorado), Gordon Schneider, (KDWP, Cheney), Jim Fry, (Corps of Engineers, El Dorado), David Britton, (University of Texas), Bob Pitman, (Fish & Wildlife Service, Albuquerque)