

100th Meridian Initiative Colorado River Basin Team Meeting 2/13/02 in Las Vegas, Nevada Minutes

Introductions

Meeting Objectives

Lake Mead presentation – Pitman
NV State Hatchery visit - Pitman

* Legislative actions? J. Irish
Baird bill, others working now. More possible in NISA reauthorization. Possible to tap politicians. Need more \$\$ to have affect/get attention needed. J. Irish volunteers to contact local power agency rep to try and get them to participate.

Brochures to NV state hatchery and Lake Mead via K. Webb (Rebecca to provide contact information to facilitate this). Marinas are private concessionaires?

* J. Irish to provide contacts from Lake Roosevelt working on education to Pitman so he can investigate similar activity in Colorado River waters.

* Need to find "friends groups" throughout Colorado River basin to do outreach to. Rebecca will work on finding out what she can, so will Mark.
Flaming Gorge has an active group of Friends Don is aware of.
Get contact information to comments section of website. David Britton – UofT will then post them to website and let Don and Bob know they are available.

Tribes need to be alerted too.

* Website presentation – David Britton (www.100thMeridian.org)
Documents, links, Zap the Zebra brochure, survey forms, photos, monitoring data, etc available. Working on password protected version of survey online. David will add website address to the survey forms.

* D. MacLean will pursue advertising 100th Meridian website and establishing more links.

NZ mudsnail watch cards passed out by Pitman.

- * 100th Meridian watch cards – Pitman will do in the next 6 mos.
- * Bob has contact name for BOR UT – Tom Scoville? He will contact him. Tina is working on getting a new BOR contact for WRP.

Bob has invited BASS to participate.

- * J. Irish asks about other fishing tournaments? Need to have information sent out. Tina will contact states in R6 to inquire about tournament permits. Bob to do same for R3, Kim for CA and NV. Phillips says OR and WA in process of doing regs for tournaments.

Phillips says using 100th Meridian \$\$ for Lewis and Clark on TIS system on Rt 2 and Rt 94. Bob talks about the availability of portable TIS for tournaments, Lewis and Clark, etc.

- * D. Britton will do query to determine which survey locations have been visited by boats from infested areas and post on website so we can evaluate “hots spots”.

Long discussion of boat wash stations and problems with water run off. We all agree the question is very site specific and should approach issue once we determine “hot spots”.

Joe recommends that we include info in new boat packets – via manufacturers/retail outlets.

- * Do we need an economic study to convince stakeholders of the risk? BPA and others are convinced – but a good approach may be for a graduate study. Don commits to pursue feasibility of a study with WO economists as a start.

Review actions from last meeting –

- * Kim, Joe and Jon: Joe: Havasu = all launches on AZ side = no permits needed for tournaments. Pitman asking AZ about this and Tina asking for WY and CO. UT has small tournaments = no need for permitting. Only a few large ones. NPS permits a large one at Powell. Mark (and Stephen) want sample language for permitting from Army Corp, Tulsa – Kim will retrieve and relay to them.

- * Boat ramp signs – Kim, Don A. and Joe- Signs for boat launches. Don provided sample sign, on website. Joe – many ramps on CA side are on tribal lands, so they have to be consulted. There are salvinia signs down near Blythe. Joe will check on permission to post ZM signs beside the salvinia ones.

- * Tina = invite Forest Service to participate.

Don M.– listserver = done! David = website = done!

Bob contact for rec boaters and aquaculture?

* Rapid Response Team- We all can communicate with each other = that is our team. WRP is developing a rapid response model we can use now that we have a coordination team on Colorado River. Once WRP model is complete we will form a team to tailor it to our needs for this group. Kim describes activity ongoing in CA in Bay-Delta. Will keep this group updated on this effort.

* Draft an outline of rapid response plan for CR Basin (Tina, Bob, Kim, Don, Mark). Due at next meeting.

* Kim will send copy of Stop Exotics to Rebecca and PSAs to Mark.

* Stephen – w/BPA and FWS funds using Crime Witness system to take reports of zebra mussels. Call goes to Portland and they farm call out to the appropriate 2 state agencies and a federal contact. BLM and Forest Service visitor centers, BOR, Army Corp, BPA will stock and hand out brochures.

Bob discusses NZ mudsnail watch cards.

* Don A. will check on producing 500 boat ramp signs for zebra mussels via UT and let Tina know cost.