

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting/ Project Name:	MISAC bi-monthly update meeting		
Date of Meeting:	November 10,2015	Time:	10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Stephanie Hester	Location:	teleconference
1. Meeting Objective			
Provide updates to the council on MISAC's 3 priorities and other council initiatives			
2. Attendees			
Bryce Christiaens, Tom Boos, Dave Burch, Jim Jacobs, Thompson Smith, Steve Wanderrass, Lindy Garner, Jane Mangold, Gary Adams, Virgil Dupuis, Floyd Thompson, Chip Weber, Amy Gannon, Jeff Baumberger, Larry Urban, Stephanie Hester, Lisa DeBruyckere, Steve Bekedam			
3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Welcome & Introductions	Bryce opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Roll call		
Insert Agenda Item	<p>Review and Approval of minutes from Sept. 17</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action--set up orientation meeting with Tom Smith • Steve Wanderrass—to send info. re: facilitator for summit <p>Motion: Steve Wanderrass makes motion to approve Jane Mangold seconded</p> <p>Unanimously approved</p>		
Insert Agenda Item	<p>Budget update</p> <p>\$67,000 Raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMEF and TNC contributed • MDT committed \$10,000 <p>\$23,000 remaining to be raised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIS and NWTF grants • Possible DNRC forestry program contribution • Integrated Pest Management grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jane and Virgil support. Think it would be a good fit. Willing to help develop proposal. ○ Thompson Smith. Supports application. Visit with Caryn Miske about her experience with IPM grants <p>Motion: Chip Weber motioned to approval applying for AIS, MDA, and IPM grant opportunities to fund the strategic plan. Steve Wanderrass seconds Vote: unanimous approval Action: Bryce and Stephanie to pursue applications</p>		

<p>Insert Agenda Item</p>	<p>Assessment update—Lisa DeBruyckere</p> <p>Six major categories—regulations, partnerships, funding, effectiveness, challenges and priorities</p> <p>Trying to keep to 30 pages with 50-70 in appendices</p> <p>106 species identified as priorities Top 16 species groups identified as most of the work being done on-the-ground 15 of 16 are terrestrial weed, AIS is dreissenids Significant jump between 16 and 17th species Of priority species, all are on noxious weed lists (sans dreissenids)</p> <p>Laws and regulations analysis complete 56% rated laws as excellent or good 44% rated laws as fair or poor Recommendations are in 6 categories (terrestrial, aquatic, overall on authorities, funding, enforcement and management, coordination/efficiency)</p> <p>Report status—For review beginning Monday, November 16. Not asking for comments yet, but wants council to review evolution of document. Wait to send feedback for now. Lisa will send specific request later.</p> <p>Lisa ok with getting direct feedback from council members. Will bring any conflicts back for resolution.</p> <p>Lisa willing to have webinar to explain results. Action: SH to schedule</p>
<p>Insert Agenda Item</p>	<p>Summit updates</p> <p>Date and location set. Will reconvene planning subcommittee in January</p> <p>See talking points for messaging about summit and MISAC in general. Talking points are intended to provide consistent messaging.</p>
<p>Insert Agenda Item</p>	<p>Governor’s Office meeting updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryce and Stephanie reported out on meeting with Ali Bovingdon from Governor’s Office • Summit—have requested Gov or Lt. Gov as keynote. Got approval to call it the Governor’s Summit on Invasive Species. • Governor’s Office working on WRRDA support letter <p>Lisa—looks like WRRDA \$ will be appropriated by Congress</p>
<p>Insert Agenda Item</p>	<p>Invasive Fish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virgil, Tom and Bryce attended meeting with WA Invasive Species Council about invasive fish in Columbia River Watershed • Impacts of northern Pike—worried about predation of natives • MT has well established populations in upper and lower Flathead River (managed as game fish) • Sensitive issue with FWP and tribes <p>Next steps</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue discussions to understand issue • Might result in Invasive Fish Summit w/ OR, WA, ID. Might also develop campaign for region E&O on invasive fish • Will need to determine MISAC role as/if things progress <p>Steve Wanderrass—this is a western state issue. Are we talking to eastern bordering states about dreissenids and EWM? Yes, we are talking re: perimeter defense. Tom Boos—yes we are coordinating with all states that border MT and Canadian provinces as well.</p>
<p>Insert Agenda Item</p>	<p>Data sharing and database development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS staging area w/ rush skeletonweed prompted discussions for better data sharing among state and federal agencies • Looking at pre-certification fields • eDDMaps has been identified as possible repository • Bryce suggests MISAC be the coordinating body to address issue. • Need to determine collectively what info goes in, what information do we want to extract • Dave meeting with Chuck from eDDMaps next week to discuss • Call for interest in participating in data discussion (sub-committee)—Steve Wanderrass, Tom Smith, Lindy Garner (Jessica), Tom Boos, Stephanie, Dave, Steve Bekedam, Gary Adams, Tom Smith • Lindy cautions we need to be clear about data and how it will be used • Tom—First step is consensus on where data will be stored first • Need to articulate the problem, check against survey results to see if this is a major issue for Montana • Action: Sub-committee to meet and begin discussions
<p>Other Business Public Comment Agenda Items Adjourn</p>	<p>Dean Pearson presentation on invader impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting in application for study on eastside • Wants letter of support <p>Motion: Tom moves to provide letter of support. Tom Smith seconds. Unanimous</p> <p>Biocontrol approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigorous process, approvals are back-logged • Bryce on call today to move issue forward • Potential role for council • Issue as it related to invasive species—needs to demonstrate its not going to become an invasive, primary concern is mitigation of existing invasive <p>Educator invasive species packets now available. SH will bring samples to the next meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.</p>

4. Action Items				
	Action	Assigned	Due Date	Status
1	Orientation with Thompson Smith	Bryce and Stephanie	12/15/15	In process
2	Prepare applications for strategic plan—IPM, AIS, and NWTF	Bryce & Stephanie with assistance from Jane and Virgil	IPM-Dec. 9 NWTF- Dec. 1 AIS-March 15	
3	Schedule webinar re: assessment results Nov 23, 24 or first week of December 1 and 2	Stephanie	11/16/15	In process
4	Schedule preliminary meeting to discuss data issue	Stephanie	11/20/15	
5	Bring Invasive Species packs to next meeting	Stephanie	1/20/15	

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