

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL  
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS  
JUNE 18, 2019 AT 8:00 A.M.

Call Participants: John Quail, Matt Doss, Tom Minarch, Tom Wakeman, Kathy Luther, Joe Exl and Candice Eklund.

## Discussion Items:

Due to a setting in the Google calendar invitation for today's meeting, there were conflicting phone numbers for accessing the conference call. NIRPC extended their apologies and stated this would be corrected for the Steering Committee call on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The conference call in number is 515-603-4902, access code 652925#.

## Potential In-Person meeting date in Chicago

Kathy Luther discussed a tentative date of August 15, 2019 to hold the in-person CAWS meeting in Chicago. There was a meeting conflict noted and the group agreed it would bring a better consensus to send a Doodle poll to both the Steering Committee and Advisory Committee members. More information to follow on the meeting date.

## Agenda items suggestions for In-Person meeting

- Kathy emailed Jim Bredin, the Asian Carp Project Deputy Directory, a list of focused topics in the ACCRC work plan. Jim had new information on the efficacy on carp control measures and control technology development, i.e. sound and CO2 barriers being installed and some progress on fish toxins. Additional proposed agenda items for the August meeting are below.
  - Invite a technical resources group to report on the carp control measures or request Jim to present on developments. This presentation could serve as the main agenda item.
  - Discuss the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) signed Chief's Report and have next steps explained.
  - Request a report from the USACE and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the progress of the planning and engineering design phase.
  - Updates from the July meeting that Illinois has scheduled with other states to discuss the carp issues. Kathy will contact Tammy Newcomb, with the Michigan DNR, and the representative from the Illinois DNR to inquire the discourse from their July meeting.
- Send a formal invitation to Governor Pritzker's office asking if they would like to send a representative to the August meeting. Updates from the office could include the negotiations with other states for local share of the Brandon Road project, if the meeting with other states takes place in July. Kathy will contact Loren Wobig, with the Illinois DNR.
- As a reminder, the Steering Committee conference calls will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. CST. The monthly calendar invitations will be resent to remove the incorrect Google call in number.

## Create Task Force Group for Moving Forward on the Two-Way AIS movement

- Review the letter to the USACE regarding the two-way invasive species movement.

Kathy feels there is added value in creating a task force group for this initiative and the committee agreed. The request for participants will be added to the agenda for the In-Person meeting in Chicago.

#### Update on Constant Contact email issues

- Constant Contact powers the email communications sent by the Northwestern Indiana Planning Commission (NIRPC).
- Matt Doss stated there have been no further Constant Contact issues noted.

#### Other Business

- Joe Exl of NIRPC discussed the CAWS Aquatic Invasive Species Stakeholder Group page on NIRPC's website. Matt Doss had previously provided comments to replace the stakeholder group name. Kathy will review these updates and resend the link to the committee. The link to the draft CAWS website is:  
<https://www.nirpc.org/invasive-species-and-the-chicago-area-waterway-system/>
- NIRPC submitted a budget and work plan for the CAWS initiative in 2020.
- Bob Wakeman inquired the status of the confirmed membership. There is a sub list of members no longer active and Kathy will contact those companies for new member information.
- Invitations to the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and Shedd Aquarium have been drafted.
- Kathy will introduce the new members at the August meeting.
- Kathy received a fresh commitment from CMAP to become a participant.
- Kathy will contact CMAP and EPA to secure a meeting location for the August meeting.