

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS
August 18, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Matt Doss, Molly Flanagan, Lisa Frede, Robert Hirschfeld, Kay Nelson, John Quail, Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, and Candice Eklund.

Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther discussed the webinar scheduled for August 21, 2020.
- The Technical & Policy Working Group (TPWG) Committee will meet before the CAWS-AIS meeting. It was planned to hold a practice Google Meets session with Lisa Frede, the host of the TPWG, but since the presenters emailed their presentations to Dominique Edwards, Dominique will be the one to display the documents during the presentation.
 - Lisa Frede discussed the meeting agenda for the TPWG portion of the meeting. Their meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Andy Leichty with the USACE, will present on the Brandon Road project. Andy will also be available to answer additional questions after the presentations at the CAWS-AIS meeting.
 - The TPWG will provide scientific updates to see where the agency's and the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committees (ACRCC) are.
 - The meeting will adjourn at 9:50 a.m., allowing 10 minutes before the CAWS meeting begins.
- Kathy Luther will welcome the attendees to the CAWS portion of the meeting and provide direction on the Google Meets platform.
 - Matt McKenna will provide a brief update on WRDA and budget issues.
 - Loren Wobig will provide updates on the Pre-construction Engineering and Design (PED) agreement.
 - As mentioned above, Andy Leichty will field calls on the Brandon Road project. Jeff Zuercher will discuss the budget issues on the Great Lakes & Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLRMIS).
 - Marc Smith and Kay Nelson finalized the draft letter on GLRMIS and emailed to Kathy Luther for distribution to the Steering Committee for discussion. The letter addresses completing GLRMIS for a one-way southbound technological device for protection from invasives going into the Great Lakes, which is what led to the initial letter. It was agreed Marc Smith would present the letter at the meeting.
 - It was requested to include the draft letter with the meeting materials being sent to the CAWS Advisory Committee. Candice Eklund will update the meeting agenda and the email notification being sent to the group requesting they read the letter prior to the meeting.
 - Kathy Luther will make real time edits to the letter as discussions warrant. Comments can also be submitted at the meeting via the electronic Chat Box. Kathy will discuss these responsibilities with Dominique Edwards.
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.