

NLC Native Trout Work Group
Minutes of 04/24/19 Call

Participating on call: Tim Gavin, Dale Dalrymple, Greg Walz, Chirs Jones, Lyle Courtnage, Ed Michael, Beverly Smith, Mark Dillow

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our March meeting were approved.
2. Warren Colyer was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following update on the WINTI angler recognition program. “The WNTI Steering Committee was approached by California Dept. Fish and Game last week about some concerns the agency has with the WNTI Challenge (similarity to CA’s program; not including all the CA native fish spp.; etc.). We are working through those concerns with the agency and hoping that this will not cause a delay in our roll-out. Other than that, things are proceeding well, though there is a lot of work still to be done. TU is helping with the procurement of the coins/medallions that participants will earn. Once we develop a roll-out plan it would be great if the native trout work group could help to get the word out to chapters and councils – ideas for how we might do that are welcome, so folks could be thinking about that. I am thinking that by the May call we will have some more concrete ideas about the roll-out timing/strategy.”
3. Update on the WNTI education/recognition from Brett Prettyman:
I wanted to give you an update on my efforts with the Western Native Trout Initiative. Warren is our lead with WNTI, but I am helping with the Western Native Trout Challenge. The challenge is scheduled to launch May 15, I’ll keep you updated on whether it will happen or not.

I am currently helping Therese Thompson with WNTI design the two medallions that will be offered at the two highest levels of completion. I’m involved because I designed the Utah Cutthroat Slam and Wyoming Cutt-Slam medallions. We may not have the medallions on May 15, but we should have the designs and they will be a part of the press release and marketing efforts launched in that date. TU will be purchasing the medallions as partners in the Slam.
4. Eastern States State Council Chairs were solicited for comments regarding the priorities and needs for native trout in their states. See attached summary.
5. Neither Doug Jann or Bill Pastuszek were able to attend March's call but discussions are continuing concerning expanding TU's grassroots involvement in the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture. Hopefully we will have an update in May.
6. Helen Neville and Jeffrey Reardon supplied a detailed response to the question of whether or not Landlocked and anadromous salmon are distinct species. See attached note. In follow up discussion it was noted that there is a problem with how federal laws can prevent restoration efforts in species with common life histories. I will follow up with Steve Moyer.
7. Ed Michael suggested that we make State Councils aware of the USDA Forest Service [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#) . Funds obtained from this program will be distributed across the following three program areas:
 - Forest Insect and Disease Mitigation,
 - Reduce Runoff from Degraded Sites through Green Infrastructure, and

- Enhance Coastal Wetland Filtration.

These projects could have a significant positive impact on native fish species. Beverly Smith will work with Keith Curley to get the word out to councils around the Great Lakes.

8. A time slot on the agenda for the Northeast Regional Meeting has been established. I will be working with Bill Pastuszek to develop the presentation.
9. Website Work Group Page: The new website has been launched and we are now ready to put our information on the site. I will be working with Brennan Sang to organize and load the information. If you have any information to include, please use the outline below for possible subjects.
10. Send any data or links to Tim Gavin.
 1. Native Trout Work Group page on TU's website.
 1. Native Trout Inventory
 2. Poster info
 3. Slam details
 4. Links to relevant issues
 1. Wild Steelhead
 2. Yellowstone Cutthroat
 3. Citizen Science
 4. Hatchery science
 5. Dam policies
 6. Case Studies
 5. Other?

You are receiving this meeting information because you were on a previous distribution list or attended the Native Trout Work Group session at the TU National meeting in Redding, CA. If you do not wish to be on this new distribution list please let me know.

Thanks,
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Native Trout Work Group Chair