

NLC Native Trout Work Group  
Minutes of 02/27/19 Call

**Participating on call:** Tim Gavin, Chris Jones, Dave Sweet, Doug Jann, Keith Curley, John Lopez, Dale Dalrymple, Harry Murphy, Beverly Smith, Mark Dillow, Bill Pastuszek, Dan Dauwalter

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our January 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 March call we will have some more concrete ideas about the roll-out timing/strategy.”
3. The new Work Group Description was discussed and Approved. Copy attached.
4. A draft listing of Eastern Native Salmonid species was discussed at length. Several members of the group contributed thoughts and perspectives. A consensus listing of Eastern Salmonid species is attached. It was recommended that given the identification of the species list the next step should be to contact Eastern Councils/Chapters to identify what kinds of projects and priorities should be placed on specific species. **Tim Gavin will send a letter soliciting input/recommendations.**
5. Doug Jann and Keith Curley reported on discussions related to our possible involvement in the Eastern Native Brook Trout Joint Venture. The EBTJV is primarily focused on Brook Trout science at this time. There is a public awareness aspect of the EBTJV but it has not been as active as the science. Doug and Keith will continue discussion concerning possible future involvement. Keith reported that Fresh Waters Illustrated is producing a film on Brook Trout. The film is still under production but recommended it would be worthwhile to take a look at their website: <http://freshwatersillustrated.org/Artist.asp?ArtistID=39742&Akey=3SWCG6TC>
6. Bill Pastuszek will continue to explore the possibility of an Eastern Brook Trout poster. Chris Jones offered his assistance. A time table was not established. We want to do a poster correctly and in coordination with all interested parties.
7. Dave Sweet gave an update the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout. The situation has improved significantly; however, it may be impossible to totally eliminate the invasive Lake Trout population. Work will need to persist for the foreseeable future. It was noted that lower populations of the cutthroat trout are impacting the entire ecosystem of the Park.
8. Website Work Group Page: Beverly Smith reported that the new website is nearing completion and we can start to provide information for our web page. **Tim will work with Helen to get the**

process started.

While waiting for the new website, we need to accumulate the data we want to see on the site.

Please use the outline below to suggest possible subjects. 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?

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Thanks,  
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Native Trout Work Group Chair