

NLC Native Trout Work Group  
Minutes of 01/23/19 Call

**Participating on call:** Tim Gavin, Chris Jones, John Sikora, John Lopez, Dale Dalrymple, Harry Murphy, Beverly Smith, Mark Dillow, John Hunt, Grey Hagwood, Doug Jann

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our November meeting were approved.
2. Response from the Washington State WDFW concerning the development of an angler education/recognition program was discussed by Tim Gavin. Washington WDFW supports the idea of an angler education/recognition program and plans to adopt the WNTI model once it is rolled out. Chris Jones reported that the State of Idaho will also adopt the WNTI model.
3. Warren Colyer reported via email that the WNTI angler education/recognition program is still under development.
4. Tim Gavin presented the Work Group Report submitted to NLC leadership. Discussion revolved around 2019 goals and our challenges.
5. Our Work Group description on the TU website needs to be updated. Tim agreed to take a shot at developing a new description. A draft copy is attached to these minutes. Please feel free to edit and criticize.
6. Our planned Eastern Native Trout Initiative was discussed at length. A need was identified to determine what species should be included under the definition of Eastern "Native Trout". Tim will reach out to our Science staff for more clarity. (Note: subsequent to the meeting Dale Dalrymple provided some research and links that will be valuable clarifying the issue. A copy of his note is attached to this report.) A good discussion of our relationship with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture revolved around how to improve our grassroots involvement with the organization. Doug Jann agreed to follow up with Keith Curley and report at our February meeting.
7. Bill Pastuszek was not able to attend the meeting; however, he did tell me he is exploring the possibility of producing a Brook Trout poster.
8. Poster effectiveness evaluation... Jim Walker will join us at a future meeting an report on the success of the Native Trout Posters that have been distributed in Arizona.
9. Website Work Group Page: Beverly Smith reported that the new website is still planned for sometime this spring; however, no implementation date has been set. 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
    5. Other?
9. Dale report that he has updated his Angler Education document and is developing a one page document to help anglers participate in the various state programs.

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. If you do not wish to be on this new distribution list please let me know.

Thanks,  
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Washington NLC Rep  
Native Trout Work Group Chair