

NLC Native Trout Work Group

Minutes of 07/24/19 Call

**Participating on call:** Tim Gavin, Dale Dalrymple, Chris Jones, Ed Michael, Mark Dillow, John Lopez, Kathy Scott, Dave Van Burgel, Neil Warner

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our June meeting were approved.
2. Although Warren Colyer was unable to attend the meeting he did report via email that interest in the program is developing and that at least one person has completed the initial challenge. Hopefully in August we will have an update on the Montana situation.
3. Bill Pastuszek was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following report on progress with our Eastern Native Trout Initiative.
  - Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture:
    - We are working on finding areas of cooperation with the “Venture”. We have been invited to participate in their quarterly conference calls. Bill and I will plan to participate in the next call in September.
    - Shawn Rummel, TU Pennsylvania, will serve as our liaison with the “Venture”.
  - Brook Trout Poster
    - There appears to be interest in producing a poster. The next challenge is funding. Cost for the poster is expected to be approximately \$3000-\$4000.
    - I will prepare a letter to Eastern State Council chairs seeking donations for the poster. If we can get donations of \$300 from ten or more Councils/Chapters, we should be able to produce the poster in the relatively near future.
  - Angler Science
    - We need to assess work currently being done in the East and identify new areas of opportunity. I will contact Jacob Lemon, TU Angler Science Director, to start a discussion. In preparation for next month's meeting, it would be valuable to review the angler science information already on the TU website: [www.tu.org/anglerscience](http://www.tu.org/anglerscience)
    - It was noted that the scope of our Eastern Native Trout Initiative includes all states east of the Mississippi.
    - A special interest was noted on exploring activity related to Great Lakes Brook Trout “Coaster” populations. I will send a note to Council Chairs of Great Lakes states to ask for information they may have on the populations or groups that support them.
4. Stocking Guidance: Although this subject has not come up in recent discussions, I did run across a document developed by the NLC in 2011 that is a good summary of TU's position on stocking hatchery trout over native populations. I have attached it to these minutes.
5. Work Group Annual Meeting Presentation: Initial thoughts are to present the presentations given by Bill Pastuszek and Shawn Rummel at the North East Regional Meeting. We are looking for any other thoughts and will discuss again at next month's meeting.
6. Website Work Group Page: Jeff Yates has offered to help us develop our new web page at least until Brennan can work through his backlog. Again, if you have any information to include, please use the outline below for possible subjects.

7. 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?

8. NLC Term Limit. I will be reaching my term limit on the NLC in October. Currently rules require that a Work Group Chair must be and NLC member. I ask that those of you who are NLC members on the Native Trout Work Group to consider taking over the position. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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