

NLC Native Trout Work Group
Minutes of 06/26/19 Call

Participating on call: Tim Gavin, Dale Dalrymple, Chris Jones, Ed Michael, Bill Pastuszek, Jeffrey Reardon, Kathy Scott, Dave Van Burgel

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our May meeting were approved.
2. WNTI angler education/recognition program has launched! See the following link: <https://westernnativetroutchallenge.org> (Note: to access the Challenge details at the website you must scroll down beyond the Register button.) Questions arose last month about how the species were selected for the challenge. I have attached two notes... one from Warren Colyer and the other from Tyler Coleman who is the coordinator for WNTI's Trout Challenge that address the issue.
3. Bill Pastuszek reported on his Native Trout presentation at the Northeastern Regional Rendezvous. The presentation went very well and will hopefully be the ground work for progress moving forward. As part of the presentation, Shawn Rummel presented a series of slides on "Brook Trout Conservation Portfolio Assessment and Tools". It was also well received. I have attached a copy of the presentation to this note. We need to continue to develop a Native Trout plan for the east. Initial focus will be on exploring opportunities for cooperation with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, a Brook Trout poster, and angler science projects.
4. Anadromous and Landlocked Salmon. Questions have arisen over the past few months related to the relationship between the two. Helen Neville and Jeffrey Reardon have provided excellent feedback on the subject. Jeffrey Reardon participated in our June meeting and addressed the issues involved at length. There was a very good discussion. The bottom line is that this is a very complex issue from both a scientific and political point of view. Relying on policies developed by the State of Maine and the Federal government is most likely the best path forward for the foreseeable future. For anyone who has an interest in this issue and was not able to attend the call, I have attached a recording of the call to this note and highly recommend that you listen to it. Scroll to the 12 minute mark to hear the discussion.
5. Website Work Group Page: The new website has launched and Brennan Sang with Helen Neville's group has committed to develop our work group page. However, his current work load has not given him time to start. We hope to see progress in the next couple of months. Brennan did report to me that it would not be a problem to set up work group page articles for download. If you have any information to include, please use the outline below for possible subjects.
6. 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?

7. 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