

NLC Native Trout Work Group
Minutes of 03/27/19 Call

Participating on call: Tim Gavin, Jason Barnes, Dale Dalrymple, Harry Murphy, Jeff Yates

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our February 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 April call we will have some more concrete ideas about the roll-out timing/strategy.”
3. A question was raised concerning whether Steelhead that exist in the Great Lakes should be included in our listing of Native Trout. It was pointed out that that the salmon and steelhead that exist in the Great Lakes were introduced there and while they may be great fisheries worth protecting, they should not be classified as native trout.
4. Jason Barnes suggested that at some point in the future we should focus on Lake Trout and educate our members on their native trout distribution. Like Brook Trout they are native in the east and invasive in the west. A distribution map was suggested.
5. It was noted that our Western Native Trout activities have not included Salmon. Jason suggested that it is probably because so many other groups are actively involved with salmon recovery and we would not have a big impact on those efforts. In any case, salmon and steelhead should be included on any list of Western Native Trout.
6. A letter has been submitted to all eastern states Council Chairs requesting their input regarding priorities and projects that relate to native trout in their states. The feedback will be discussed at our April meeting.
7. 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 April.
8. It was suggested that a time slot be requested for discussion of the Eastern Native Trout Initiative at the Northeast Regional meeting in June. Jeff Yates is willing to provide the time but has requested that we identify very specific outcomes we want to come from the meeting. What actions do we want the members of that meeting to do in days and weeks after the meeting. I will include this subject on our agenda for April's meeting.

9. Website Work Group Page: The new website is nearing a launch, however, Helen Neville's staff is still engaged with it's implementation. We should see some progress in the next couple of months.

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?

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