

NLC Native Trout Work Group
Minutes of 05/22/19 Call

Participating on call: Tim Gavin, Dale Dalrymple, Chris Jones, Ed Michael, Beverly Smith, Mark Dillow, John Sikora, Ed Michael, Bill Pastuszek, Jason Barnes, John Lopez, David Brooks, Clark Amadon

Minutes:

1. Minutes from our April meeting were approved.
2. WNTI angler education/recognition program has launched! See the following link: <https://westernnativetroutchallenge.org> Nearly 100 people have already signed up. David Brooks noted that there may be a problem with implementing the program in Montana because the program may be considered a “contest”. David will work with Warren Colyer and Montana State wildlife personnel to see if the issue can be resolved. Dale Dalrymple noted: The rainbow trout/steelhead commonly called “Coastal Rainbow” is only allowed in AK although present in WA, OR, CA, ID, MT. Even though it’s the WA state fish! I will follow up with Warren Colyer to understand why the Coastal Rainbow was not included. We will keep this program on our agenda for the next few months.
3. Mark Dillow shared an article by Chris Hunt which questioned catch and release practices in watersheds that share both native trout and introduced species. In some cases the introduced species are a threat to natives. We need to be aware of locations where this is a problem and advocate for retention of introduced species.
4. Bill Pastuszek shared a draft copy of the presentation he plans to deliver at the Northeast Regional Rendezvous at the end of May. It was generally considered a very good presentation. Bill asked for any thoughts on edits and/or action items that may be added. (See attached)
5. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Beverly Smith reported that she followed up with Keith Curley to look at the initiative. Keith did not think the initiative was a particularly good fit for us. However, it was recommended that State Councils surrounding the Great Lakes review the initiative for applicability in their states.
6. A discussion continued from our last meeting regarding the relationship between Landlocked Salmon and Anadromus Salmon. I will ask Helen if she or one of her staff can attend our June meeting to resolve any questions.
7. 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. Dale Dalrymple noted that data on the work group page should be down loadable. I will follow up with Brennan. If you have any information to include, please use the outline below for possible subjects.
8. 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