

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting/ Project Name:	MISAC		
Date of Meeting:	May 31, 2017	Time:	10-1 meeting, 1:30-3 site visit
Minutes Prepared By:	Stephanie Hester	Location:	Montana Historical Society, Silos Station
1. Meeting Objective			
Administrative matters, program updates, new business			
2. Attendees			
Bryce Christiaens, Amy Gannon, Andy Welch, Floyd Thompson, Gary Adams, Mike Miller, Monica Pokorny, Steve Tyrrel, Steve Wanderaas, Leigh Greenwood, Tom Smith, Tom Woolf, Virgil Dupuis, Dennis Clairmont, Kim Mangold, Donna Rise, Stephanie Hester, Phone: Lindy Garner, Patricia Gilbert, Governor Steve Bullock, John Tubbs, Ray Beck, Representative Cuffe, Mark Bostrom			
3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Welcome	Bryce opened the meeting at 10:05. Round robin introductions.		
Governor Bullock	<p>Bryce introduced Governor Bullock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Bullock addressed the Council and thanked members for their work over the past two years including work on the Mussel Response <p>Director Tubbs addressed the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Council for efforts • Framework embraced by Governor's office • Mussel detection moved needle and a higher bar • Not just AIS, other invasive species need addressing • MISC important role to Mussel Response • Charge forward—Do better <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Input of federal agencies critical to future even though not voting members. ○ Future includes more tribal representation ○ Develop independent science review team—need in place by this fall ○ Rapid response preparation ○ Need to be strong partner to FWP as lead agency for AIS • Wants MISC to change minds of water users to protect from invasive species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are we making an impact outside of Helena ○ Need to educate public and do more outreach <p>Recognition Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair and Director Tubbs presented certificates and thanked members • Bryce, Matt Wolcott, Randy Arnold and Mark Aagenes recognized by governor for their work in leading Mussel Response • Steve Tyrrel thanked DNRC for ICS support • Chair thanked Representative Cuffe for his legislative support <p>Representative Cuffe remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formerly PNWER was apprehensive about how Montana handled Mussel Response. Now PNWER is glad Montana was first to have mussels based on how the state handled the response. Montana is seen as innovative in how it handled response. • MT modeled AIS program after ID. Pleased to see Tom Woolf join the team. • Wants to build more engagement with legislators 		
MT Invasive Species Strategic Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan has been adopted, next phase is implementation • Stephanie provided overview of work plan progress 		

Minute Approval	<p>January 31, 2017 Minutes Motion: Steve W. makes motion, Steve Tyrrel seconds Discussion: After Action Review motion in prior minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Smith requested status of AAR motion • Discussion about the value at this point • Input from Mussel Response Team AAR and RR TTX exercise improvement plan is being incorporated into Council's EDRR work • Yellowstone Fish Kill AAR illustrated need for training. DNRC has offered ICS training to FWP. <p>Vote: unanimous approval</p>
Legislative Roundup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryce and Stephanie reviewed HB 622 and how it effects Council composition and priorities • State is pressuring federal agencies to step up invasive species resources • FWP received \$1.9 from ACOE for watercraft inspection • Zinke is engaged in issue • State like BOR to step up • Mark provided overview of DNRC-related legislation that impacts Council • Donna Rise—changes to pesticide Act—support for state-wide coordinator position; adequate and stable funding for applicator training; support for pesticide-related programs
Firewood Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting well represented • Goal to get all partners at table • Want to get ahead of curve to prevent EAB, etc. based on mussel experience • Discussed non-regulatory strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educate staff about moving firewood ○ Proactive instead of reactive • Regulatory recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request MDA if interest in using external quarantine authority to prevent firewood coming into the state while gap in authority • Next steps: ask for consensus that subcommittee move forward with MDA ask <p>MOTION: Amy Gannon: Firewood Subcommittee to request that MDA consider quarantine authority to prevent firewood from coming into the state while gap in authority exists. Discuss possible application of quarantine authority to allow the movement of firewood within the state.</p> <p>Steve Wanderaas seconded Discussion: n/a Vote: unanimous, Kim Mangold abstained (MDA)</p>
Rapid Response Work	<p>Stephanie provided an overview of the EDRR projects in process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Rapid Response TTX on April 3. Provided good input into plan revisions • Council was tasked and funded for EDRR work by the Mussel Response Team and MT legislature via HB622. Funding was provided by the National Invasive Species Council (NISC) and through HB2 • Project kicked off with an updated MT Dreissenid Rapid Response Plan (MDRRP) due early July • Public process for rapid response plan being developed • ACTION: Talk to Mindy re: Council input into plan • NISC deliverables. Due by September 30, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic plan for coordination of relevant governmental and non-governmental agencies (piece of MDRRP) ○ Workshop to review draft MDRRP and take constructive steps to develop Missouri River System Containment and Quarantine Plan ○ Missouri River System Containment/Quarantine Plan ○ White paper (January 2018) on mussel response and implementation ○ Cost-benefit analysis for the EDRR initiative
Next Steps	<p>Membership Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair recommends quarterly full-council meetings with subcommittee meetings in between • Outreach underway for MISC and UC3 members • Council applications with the Governor's Office. Awaiting first round of appointments • Stephanie will schedule July meeting <p>Federal Agency Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus-based Council and federal partners are critical

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fed. Reps will continue to receive Council information, updates, meeting invites Travel restrictions may impede in-person meetings for some
Public Comment	None
Wrap up	Adjourned at 1:15
Site Visit	Members met at the Silos Watercraft Inspection/Decontamination Station for a demo and discussion

4. Action Items				
Action		Assigned	Due Date	Status
1	Firewood subcommittee requests quarantine authority from MDA	Amy, Gary, et al.	7/20/17	In process
2	Stephanie distribute draft MDRRP to Council for review	SH	7/1/17	In process
3	Stephanie schedule July meeting	SH	6/15/17	done