

Lake Tahoe Aquatic Species Working Group

Draft Meeting Notes

March 20, 2008

USFS Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Lake Tahoe, CA

Attending: Jenny Francis, Invasive Species Coordinator/TRCD; Nicole Cartwright, TRCD; Jason Roberts, CDFG; Harry Dotson, TKPOA; Cara Stafford, AmeriCorps/TRCD; Sarah Muskopf, USFS; Barak Shemai, USFS; Lisa Fields, CA State Parks; Dan Deegan, AmeriCorps/TRCD; Cecilia Reed, USFS; Ted Thayer, TRPA; Tamara Sasaki, CA State Parks; Jody Brown, USFWS; Steve Chilton, TRPA; Phil Brosek, US Army Corps.

Next Meeting

June 5th, 2008

10am-1pm LTBWCG

2pm-5pm AIS working group

1. Introductions

2. Announcements-

- LTBWCG Annual Report and 2007 maps are complete
- The LTAISWG is officially a group, through signed Memorandum of Understanding. In the future the group needs to discuss a mission statement, group dynamics, chair, etc.
- LTAISWG members have given presentations at the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society annual meeting, Tahoe Science Symposium, and the Tahoe Interagency Executives meeting
- Jenny and Dennis will be attending the April 8th Watercraft Inspection Certification at Lake Mead; Jason will be going in May to a Train the Trainers Inspection program

3. Partner Presentation

- Marrion was scheduled but was not able to attend this meeting

ACTION: California State Parks (Lisa/Tamara) will give a presentation at the next meeting, in June.

4. Partner Roles and Contact

ACTION: Please submit your partner roles and contact information to Nicole, ncartwright@tahoercd.org.

5. Education and Outreach Subcommittee update

- A hotline was purchased for rapid response, **1-888-TAHO-ANS**
- LTAISWG Annual Report is finalized, please distribute!
- A logo for the LTAISWG is almost finalized
- Earth Day: TRPA and TRCD will be having mock inspections on the TRPA boat to create awareness and gain volunteers
- 2008 draft Education and Outreach Action Plan available

ACTION: Cara will send Billboard ideas to Jason

ACTION: Steve will contact District 3 (Caltrans) about the use of their dynamic message signs

ACTION: Jenny will send Jason an email about Watercraft Inspection training

ACTION: Nicole and Sarah will be in contact about possible Boys and Girls Club Green Team event/activities to assist with.

6. Watercraft inspection Program

- 7 full time positions, plus 1 TRCD employee for Watercraft Inspectors at marinas
- May 16th: Watercraft Inspection Training for all marina operators, agency staff and interested citizens
- Meeting next week on March 28th to talk about decontamination processes and actions

ACTION: Jenny, Dennis, Jason and NDOW will coordinate the training for May 16th

7. Funding updates

- SNPLMA Round 8 was revamped \$450,000. Round 9 is making good head way (\$800,000)
- Tahoe Science Consortium reviewed and provided valuable comments to the SNPLMA proposals
- Army Corps funding will be doing immediate water quality sampling and survivability testing. Tetra Tech provided the management plan.

8. Invertebrates

- Starting this spring and then in summer, TRPA will be doing some calcium sampling for survivability at locations around the lake; 98 samples total.
- UNR will then do round two of the sampling off site, in the lab

ACTION: Ted will send out Sudeep's final research plan, and will contact Jason if they need help

- Cal Fish and Game will be sampling all of the streams that they plant fish
- TRCD staff are available for all sampling and testing needs

9. Amphibians

- Taylor and Tallac isolated removal and eradication project
 - Planning on doing this restoration project, and would like to have is as stage one.
 - FS would like to write a group proposal for this project. FS does not have ability to administer this project, too late for 08-09, but would be very beneficial for next season.
- Desolation project
 - 7 lakes going through NEPA right now

ACTION: Sarah will send out an email as desolation project gets closer, looking for volunteers. Sarah will also contact Nicole for Green Team participation

10. Warm Water Fish

- Tahoe Keys Control Project
 - Accepting approval in April for SNPLMA Round 8. Control for warm water fish brought up challenges *need homeowner support *how are we going to get the message out to homeowners * environmental impacts
 - This project will coordinate with the fish radio tagging project, as to not overlap project dates
 - Next meeting for this project: March 25th at 10:30

ACTION: TRCD and Tahoe Keys Property Owners Association will work together to set up mass mailings and public meetings raise awareness and buy-in

11. Aquatic weeds

- BOR Proposal is almost finalized, Ca State Lands is finalizing
- Field season and control is scheduled
- Will be sending out an RFP to get more divers
- Tahoe Divers Conservancy has a new office in Tahoe City

ACTION: Jenny will send out proposal for review by group

8. Coordinator Position

- No selection has been made yet, the position was offered to one person, but was declined. There are a few more options that will be reviewed in the next week or so. If none of them work out, USFWS will re-advertise the position.
- There is a Coordination Committee meeting on April 9th to clarify policy

9. LTAISWG MOU

ACTION: Jenny will check on missing signatures (Ca Fish and Game, NV State Lands, Ag. Dept., Yacht Clubs, Ca Boating and Waterways, Sierra Club, Jurisdictions-county, city, GID, PUD, Lake Front Property owners, Fallen Leaf HOA, Glenbrook HOA, Chamber of Commerce, and more....)

ACTION: Jenny will send out a list of contacts, EVERYONE please help fill in vacant contacts

10. 2008 Meeting Dates

- June 5th, Sept 25th, Dec 4th at the Forest Service from 2-5pm