



Montana AIS Summit

December 4-5, 2019

Carroll College - Helena



Wednesday, December 4	
11:00	PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN : Carroll College Campus Center – All Saints Hall lower level
12:00	LUNCH: provided
1:00	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Tom Woolf – FWP AIS Bureau Chief Ginny Tribe – Facilitator
1:15	AIS IN THE WEST: a regional perspective Stephen Phillips – Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Senior Program Manager
1:45	WATERCRAFT INSPECTION STATIONS: Program history, progress and the future Zach Crete – FWP AIS Prevention Coordinator
2:15	AIS EARLY DETECTION MONITORING: What we look for, what we find & where we go from here Craig McLane – FWP AIS Monitoring Coordinator
2:45	BREAK
3:00	AIS OUTREACH & EDUCATION: Sharing the Clean-Drain-Dry message Liz Lodman – FWP AIS Information Officer
3:20	AIS BUDGET PANEL: Where does funding come from and how is it used Moderator: Tom Woolf – FWP AIS Bureau Chief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lena Havron – FWP Budget Operations Supervisor • Mark Bostrom – DNRC CARDD Operations Manager • Lori Curtis – Upper Columbia Conservation Commission
3:50	LEGISLATIVE PANEL: Review past legislation and prepare for 2021 Moderator: Kate Wilson – DNRC Upper Columbia Conservation Commission Administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Mike Cuffe • Representative Willis Curdy • Representative Neil Duram • Senator Janet Ellis
4:50	RECAP OF DAY 1 Ginny Tribe – Facilitator

RECEPTION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW – EVERYONE WELCOME

The 2019 AIS Summit will bring together partners and interested parties from around the state to discuss program progress and next steps to continue to enhance Montana's AIS Program. The AIS Program has undergone significant changes following the detection of invasive mussels in Tiber Reservoir in 2016. Issues and strategies developed at the Summit will inform updates to the Montana AIS Strategic Plan.

Thursday, December 5	
8:00	WELCOME BACK: meeting room open
8:30	OPENING REMARKS Martha Williams – FWP Director
8:40	AIS LAW REVIEW Panel: Review of AIS statute and rules Moderator – Ginny Tribe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryce Christiaens – MT Invasive Species Council Chair • Amy Hawkaluk – FWP Legal Unit • Hope Stockwell – MT Legislative Services
9:15	AIS LAWS BREAKOUT: Identifying needs and priorities Ginny Tribe – Facilitator
9:45	LAW ENFORCEMENT: Understanding the roles and challenges Ron Jendro – FWP Assistant Chief of Enforcement
10:00	BREAK
10:15	WATERCRAFT INSPECTION STATION PANEL: Our challenges and how we can improve Moderator: Chris Downs – Glacier National Park Aquatic & Physical Science Programs Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erik Hanson – Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes AIS Coordinator • Russ Hartzell – FWP AIS Northwest Supervisor • Mike Koopal – Whitefish Lake Institute Executive Director • Dusty Olson – Garfield Conservation District Coordinator • DeNeill Trombley – Blackfeet Nation AIS Coordinator
11:15	WATERCRAFT INSPECTION STATION BREAKOUT: Recognize challenges & solutions Ginny Tribe – Facilitator
12:00	LUNCH: provided
12:30	Q&A from comment box Ginny Tribe - Facilitator
1:30	MONITORING PANEL: Looking for AIS in Montana Moderator: Stacy Schmidt – FWP AIS Monitoring Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Gilbert – US Army Corps of Engineers Natural Resource Specialist • Travis Horton – FWP Region 3 Fisheries Manager • Cynthia Ingelfinger – Whitefish Lake Institute Science & Education Coordinator • Phil Matson – Flathead Biological Station Research Specialist
2:10	MONITORING BREAKOUT: What to look for, how to get involved, and what needs to be done Ginny Tribe – Facilitator
2:40	RECAP OF DAY 2 Ginny Tribe – Facilitator
3:00	Montana AIS SUMMIT CONCLUDES - Thank you for attending

