AIS Risks on Watercraft & Equipment in Infested Waterbodies (CRABS) January 8, 2015

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Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Who is Target Audience?

- State Agencies
  - Utah DNR
  - AZGFD
  - NDOW
  - Canada
- Marina
  - CUA’s
  - Marina Operators
- Private
  - Business Owners
2015

- Inspection and Decontaminations
  - WIT/WID – 2015 – 15 Classes Proposed
  - 13 – 2014
    - 5 – Lake Mead
    - 2 – Arizona
    - Lake Powell

- WIT III – Utah – Trainer Training
WIT/WID Objective

- Course designed for those who are/will be setting-up implementing Watercraft Inspection and/or Decontamination programs for their respective agencies, organizations or businesses.

- UMPS – Uniform Minimal Protocol & Standards
  - Created for Western United States ‘09
  - Revised Version Jan ‘12 – UMPS II
  - New look – 2015!
Learning Objectives

- Attendees should leave the training with NEW information and/or skills that they didn’t possess prior to taking the training.

- WIT I – Inspections
- WIT II – Inspection/Decontamination
- WIT III – Trainer Certification
WIT I – Inspector

- Basic Mussel Biology
- Overview of Species and Impacts
- Info. on Outreach & Education Programs
- Understand Transport Vectors

How to inspect and why we Need to educate boaters on Clean, Drain & Dry
WIT/WID II

- Delivered over 2 days:
  - Focus on Actual Inspections and Decontaminations on various types of vessels.

-Homework required prior to attending
WIT III – Trainers

Trainers must learn **WHAT** information is available, **HOW** to apply the information, and **WHY** the procedures must be understood in order to be of benefit to them.

- How to Train their staff effectively
- Consistent in fundamentals of WIT/WID in their local Program.
- Must possess LI & LII – Skills, Knowledge
UMPS Program Descriptions

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- Outreach & Education – 1st Step!!!
  - No Inspections or decontaminations provided
  - Billboards, Radio, Materials

- Self Inspection – Voluntary/Mandatory
  - Low cost program – Self Certifications online - Utah
  - Lake Havasu Marine Association – Sticker A Mussel Campaign
  - Lake George, NY upgraded from Voluntary to Mandatory
Once Regulations in place!

Screening Interview
- Asking vessel operator a series of questions prior to launch

Exclusion
- Prohibiting any watercraft – exclude all high risk

Comprehensive Program
- Able to detain, seize, require Decontaminations
- Estimate over 30 Western State, Federal, Tribal, Agencies & Organizations currently operate this type of Intervention Program
2015 Schedule

FEBRUARY
- 2/10 – 2/11 WIT II  LAKE HAVASU
- 2/24 – 2/25 WIT II  LAKE MEAD

MARCH
- 3/10 – 3/11 WIT II  LAKE POWELL
- 3/24 – 3/25 WIT II  LAKE MEAD

APRIL
- 4/21-4/22 WIT II  LAKE MEAD

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