

GSWA AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MEETING

February 6, 12:30 – 1:20 p.m.

MNR Office Hwy 69 S

PRESENT: Alex Cieslewicz, Craig Hamilton, Leslie Flowers, Richard Witham, Susan Darling, Stu Greaves, Bill Querney, Michelle Ross, Punom Kumar. BY CONFERENCE CALL: Nicole Wittke

AGENDA/PURPOSE – To determine strategy moving forward regarding testing the jute-burlap control method for EWM

DISCUSSION:

Comments from MNR staff suggest they have a heavy workload, that multiple applications for work permits are inadvisable. The group felt a small package of permits would be preferable at this time.

*Consensus to have 5 residents from 5 highly affected lakes process applications. General agreement that the five targeted lakes would be Richard, St. Charles, Long, McFarlane, & Nephawhin.

*Each GSWA rep for respective lakes was asked to determine 5 candidates and submit their permits by Monday, February 13 to Richard.

The group felt it was very promising that chief biologist Mike Hall had no major objections to the jute method.

ACTIONS:

Richard – Will contact Parks Canada to learn more about the trial jute project for the Rideau Canal.

Will provide AV equipment needed for April 11th EWM event.

Will facilitate submissions of all work permits for group processing. *[Later Leslie took this over.]*

Leslie – Will contact Department of Fisheries & Oceans (1 – 855-852-8320)

Will ensure McFarlane reps are brought up to speed, e.g. Lin Gibson.

Alex – Will book Lockerby Legion for April 11th event.

Will confirm availability of presenters Georgio Vecco (ABV des 7) and Rob Perrins (Block-Aid).

Suggestion that we get Rob Perrins to actually do a demonstration of how a dock-side kit would be installed.

Margaret McAshew (sp?) Has been helpful. Possibly no rental charge; 150 chairs can be set up; extra parking available at mall across the road.

Recorder, Susan Darling