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## INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

Chair: Nicole Angeli, PhD (VI)  
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Date: Tues Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Time: 1:00-4:00 pm MDT

113<sup>th</sup> AFWA Annual Meeting  
TBD  
Calgary, AB, Canada

### Agenda

- 1:00 pm **Call to Order/Introductions/ Review of Agenda**  
*Dr. Nicole Angeli, , U.S. Virgin Islands Division of Fish and Wildlife*
- 1:10 **Government Affairs Updates w/ Q & A**  
*Ali Schwaab, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*
- 1:20 **Developing Standard AIS Inspection Guidelines for Hatcheries**  
*Josh Leonard, Wyoming Game & Fish Department*

*Following the model of the Blue Book Standards for fish health sampling, the Western Invasive Species Coordination Effort (WISCE) developed guidelines for AIS hatchery inspections. Recently, the western states have identified this as a priority vector to address due to new populations of AIS being discovered as a result of stocking. The WISCE group is hoping that AFWA will support these new guidelines in hopes that other states and provinces will begin to incorporate these into their agencies.*

- 1:40 **Canadian Council on Invasive Species – updates on recent initiatives within Canada**  
*Dr. Nicholas Wong, Manager- Science and Research Invasive Species Council of British Columbia*
- 1:50 **Partner Updates**  
**USFS – Mike Ielmini**  
**USFWS- TBD**  
**ANS Task Force – Kim Bogenschutz**
- 2:15 **Break**
- 2:25 **Partner Updates Cont'd**  
**USGS – Paul Heimowitz**  
**USDA/APHIS – Dr. Dana Cole**

2:45                    **Implementation of the national EDRR framework and coordination mechanisms with States and others**

*Craig Martin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Dr. James English, U.S. Geological Survey*

*A coordinated national EDRR framework in the United States has been recognized as a critical need in multiple strategic planning documents in the last decade and in a Special Issue of Biological Invasions in 2020. These efforts have informed a blueprint to facilitate the communication, collaboration, and innovations necessary for an effective national Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) program, especially for non-agricultural invasive species where such a framework is not comprehensively established on a national basis. Recent funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has enabled DOI to advance numerous components of the Institutional Architecture of the Framework to enhance EDRR capabilities and coordinate at a national level to advance transformational outcomes that may not otherwise be achieved. DOI is committed to advancing the Framework in collaboration with other federal agencies, states, tribes, territories, other partners and invasive species management forums. DOI hopes to receive advice on how best to coordinate with AFWA and the States on implementation of the national EDRR framework.*

3:25                    **State, Federal & Partner Roundtable**

*One representative per state agency highlights a couple of legislative and policy initiatives or issues*

- **Feral Swine Working Group** – Bryant White

3:55                    **Wrap-up**

4:00 pm                **Adjourn**