

2025 JOINT ANNUAL MEETING

Marriott Springhill Suites | Lawrence, Kansas
 1 Riverfront Plaza, Lawrence Kansas
 Naismith Ballroom



AGENDA



Wednesday, September 17

Central Time

8:00 – 8:15 AM	WELCOME	Chris Steffen Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Tanner Davis, South Dakota Fish and Game and MRBP Co-Chair Tom Woolf, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and WRP Chair
8:15 – 8:50 AM	KEYNOTE Getting our Feet Wet for the Kansas River	Dawn Buehler, Kansas Riverkeeper – Friends of the Kaw
8:50 – 9:50 AM	SESSION AIS ISSUES FACING KANSAS Moderator: Tom Woolf, MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Overview of Kansas AIS Program – Chris Steffen, KS Dept of Wildlife and Parks Commercial Sale of Fish Bait in Kansas: Regulations, Education and Inspections – Michael Parr, KS Dept of Wildlife and Parks AIS Monitoring and Prevention in Kansas – Vanessa Salazar, KS Dept of Wildlife and Parks
9:50 – 10:10 AM	NETWORK BREAK	
10:10 – 12:00 PM	PANEL A FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE MISSISSIPPI BASIN Moderator: Chris Steffen, Kansas Wildlife and Parks <i>Goal – Explore how fisheries commissions can assist in advancing AIS needs and intersect with panels. Identify potential strategies and challenges.</i>	Erika Jensen, Great Lakes Commission Charlie Robertson, Gulf States Fisheries Commission Stephen Phillips, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Greg Conover, Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association

12:00 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH – Hosted by Istonish	
1:30 - 2:50 PM	<p align="center">SESSION GOLDEN MUSSELS in the UNITED STATES</p> <p>Moderator: Elizabeth Brown, EB Environmental Consulting</p>	<p>USFWS Ecological Risk Screening Summary, including Habitat Suitability, for Golden Mussels – Heidi Himes, USFWS</p> <p>California Response to the Golden Mussel Detection – Martha Volkoff, Department of Fish and Wildlife</p> <p>Knowns and Unknowns about the Role of Ballast Water in the Introduction of Golden Mussels to California – Chris Scianni, CA State Lands Commission</p> <p>Compact Science: Calibration of QZM biofouling control treatments for the golden mussel – Valerie Goodwin, Dudek and Tanya Veldhuizen, CA Department of Water Resources</p>
2:50 – 3:00 PM	Discussion	
3:00 – 3:15 PM	NETWORK BREAK	
3:15 – 4:30 PM	<p align="center">SESSION PATHWAYS</p> <p>Moderator: Vanessa Salazar, KS Wildlife and Parks</p>	<p>Across the Ocean, Across the Bay: Commercial Shipping Vectors at Transoceanic, Regional and Local Scales – Amanda Newsom, and Ben Rubinoff, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife</p> <p>Illegal Trade of AIS and Enforcement Approaches – Robert Stroess, WI Dept of Natural Resources</p> <p>Risk of Live Baitfish Trade as a Pathway of Invasive Species Introductions – Hannah Mulligan, SD State University</p> <p>Assessing Behaviors of Trout Anglers Related to AIS in the Upper Mississippi Basin – Tim Campbell, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant</p> <p>Fouled Dock Movement Across the 100th Meridian – Eric Hansen, Wyoming Game and Fish</p>
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Discussion: Effective Panel Collaboration to Address Pathways Moderator: Vanessa Salazar	
5:00 – 6:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR – Hosted by CD3	
6:00 PM	ADJOURN	

Thursday, September 18

Central Time

8:30 AM	WELCOME	Tom Woolf, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and WRP Chair Tanner Davis, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, MRBP Chair
8:30 – 10:00 AM	SESSION TECHNOLOGY and INNOVATION Moderator: Tanner Davis, SD Game, Fish and Parks	Watercraft Movement Modeling and Anonymized Cellular Data – Jaymes Cloninger, Motivf Corporation Autonomous Technology to Block and Remove Carp During Seasonal Migrations – Przemek Bajer, Carp Solutions Identifying Engineering Opportunities to Reduce the Abundance and Distribution of Bighead Carp in the Mississippi River Basin – Bertrand Lemasson, USACE Harnessing UV-C Energy for Effective Aquatic Invasive Plant Management – John Paoluccio, Inventive Resources, Inc. and Laura Hertz, Bureau of Reclamation Sponsor Spotlight: Dip Tank Technology for Decontamination – Garrett Atwood, Clean Wake, LCC
10:00 – 10:15 AM	NETWORK BREAK	
10:15 – 11:15 AM	SESSION Invasive Freshwater Mussel Rapid Response Case Studies and Tools Moderator: Dennis Zabaglo, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Multi-agency Quagga Mussel Response, Mid-Snake River, ID – Nic Zurfluh, Idaho Dept of Agriculture and West Bishop, SePRO Following the Evidence: Dreissenids in the Colorado River – Robert Walters, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Invasive Mussel Rapid Response: The Status of Chemical Response Options – Lisa DeBruyckere, Creative Resource Strategies, LLC
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Discussion	
11:45 – 1:15 PM	LUNCH – On your own	
1:15 – 2:15 PM	SESSION NATIONAL UPDATES	ANS Task Force Update – Susan Pasko, Executive Secretary, ANSTF Legislative Update – Stephen Phillips, PSMFC

	Moderator: Leah Elwell, Conservation Collaborations	Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) Final Rule Implementation – Nick Rosenau, EPA USGS Non-indigenous Aquatic Species Database: New Occurrences – Matt Neilson, USGS
2:15 – 2:25 PM	Discussion	
2:25 – 2:40 PM	NETWORK BREAK	
2:40 – 4:20 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION Contributed Papers</p> <p>Moderator: Jeff Herod, Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources</p>	<p>A Whole Community Approach to Preventing and Managing AIS: A State of Washington Case Study – Justin Bush, WDFW</p> <p>AIS Horizon Scanning: The Importance of Regional Context – Kate Wyman-Grothem, USFWS</p> <p>Starry Stonewort Control Efforts and Outcomes – Amy Kretlow, Wisconsin DNR</p> <p>Partial Migration in Bigheaded Carp: Insights from the Illinois River – Logan Zebro, SD State University</p> <p>Advancing our Understanding of Watercraft Decontamination Tool Success – Leah Elwell, Conservation Collaborations and Kelly Stockton-Fiti, KASF Consulting</p>
4:20 – 4:30 PM	Discussion	
4:30 – 4:55 PM	OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Priorities • MRBP-WRP Activities • ANSTF Recommendations 	
4:55 PM	PUBLIC COMMENT	
5:00 PM	ADJOURN	

Friday, September 19

8:00 AM	ASSEMBLE IN LOBBY
8:15 AM	DEPART
8:30 AM	FIELD TRIP ~ hosted by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Location 1: Dreissenid Infested Gardner Lake Location 2: Kansas River, Kaw Point: Silver Carp and electrofishing Location 3: Drop off at Kansas City International Airport
12:30 PM	ADJOURN