**PNWER 2013 Winter Meeting Action Items**

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**Aquatic Invasive Species session**

1. **REGIONAL COORDINATION:** PNWER will work with lead legislators in all jurisdictions to develop a proposal for a regional (phase 1) invasive species program that would develop a budget, suggest funding sources, and include statement of work for a regional coordinator. While the emphasis may be on western states at first (AIS programs more advanced), Canadian provinces and territories can get on board as prevention efforts advance.

2. **CALL TO ACTION – WESTERN PROVINCES:** Letter to provincial premiers (BC, AB, SK) to emphasize the need for mandatory boat inspections. All western states that are mussel-free have mandatory boat inspections. With the new zebra mussel infestation in Lake Winnipeg, MB, the threat is much closer to all western jurisdictions.
   a. Copy environmental Ministers on the letter.
   b. Gail Wallin & Kate Wilson will help draft letter.

3. **PERIMETER PREVENTION PLAN:** AIS work group will develop a comprehensive plan to implement a perimeter prevention plan.

4. **REGIONAL EDUCATION PLAN:** AIS work group will work on developing a regional education strategy, including potential funding sources, which would include materials for outdoor groups, boat manufacturers, etc.

5. **SOURCE CONTAINMENT—US**: Work on federal strategy to "barricade Lake Mead." Approach new Secretary of Interior (Sally Jewel). If successful, this could be a pilot project for containment in the west.

6. **SOURCE CONTAINMENT—Canada:** Letter to federal government (Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans; Environment Canada; Prime Minister, etc.) to "barricade" Lake Winnipeg (dedicate resources to contain zebra mussels from moving from Lake Winnipeg).


**Other Items for Discussion:**

1. The development of a free trade zone in the PNWER region.
2. Ideas for border research projects to recommend to BPRI and the University of Victoria to implement over the next 18 months.
3. Energy and Environment Report
4. Natural gas transportation policy discussion (US excise tax is 70% > diesel)