

## **MRRIC Work Groups**

(as of January 29, 2009)

The MRRIC has established eight work groups and six of them remain active as of January 29, 2009. Listed below are the each work group, their members, and a summary of their purpose/goals/tasks. (Attached to this listing are the agreements reached by the work groups and the Committee on the work group action items at the January 27-29, 2009 MRRIC meeting.)

### **Integrated Science Program Work Group (ISP WG)**

**Point of Contact: Jason Skold**

Members: David Barfield, Brian Bartels, Bill Beacom, Pat Cassidy, John Drew, Marian Maas, John Pozzo, Jim Riis, Mike Ruggles, Kate Vandemoer, Casey Kruse (USACE), Carol S. Hale (USFWS), Mike Mac (USGS).  
Facilitation team (TBD)

Issue: Commercial Harvest of Pallid Sturgeon (SOA Listing)

- Create document detailing alignment of issue with MRRIC Purpose and Scope (completed at January 2009 meeting)
- Coordinate contact and invite input from Commercial anglers, states and the scientific community on behalf of the MRRIC by the next meeting

Issue: Adaptive Management / Agency Coordination

- Review the application of current scientific research being used to proposed adaptive management decisions and present to MRRIC by May 2009 (Craig Fleming presentation)
- Develop a process to make recommendation(s) for these decisions and present to MRRIC by May 2009

Issue: Independent Scientific Review

- Coordinate with the Independent Science Program to begin process of identifying Independent Science needs and create work plan to fill needs and bring for recommendation to MRRIC by March 2009.

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### **Missouri River Recovery Program Work Group (MRRP WG)**

**Point of Contact: John Drew**

Members: Terry Fleck, Joe Gibbs, Tom Graves, Russ Kaldenberg, Dan Kuenzel, Marian Maas, Vicki Marquis, Lanny Meng, Skip Meisner, Lynn Muench, David Sieck, Mike George (USACE), Mary Roth (USACE), Sarah Palmer (USIECR)/or facilitation team

- Review the 2009 activities and identify specific areas that the committee needs to consider developing a recommendation on and forward to the agenda committee for the next meeting

(Completed at January 2009 meeting)

- Review the draft 2010 work plan and the GAP Report to identify priority areas that the committee needs to consider developing recommendations on and forward to the agenda committee for the first meeting 30 days following the Corp of Engineers “LOCK” on the work plan. (March 2009 meeting)
- Review the 2011 proposed work plan and identify priority areas that the committee needs to consider developing recommendations on, and forward to the agenda committee for the first meeting after the end of January (i.e. March 3- 5,2009). These Committee Recommendations need to be presented to the Corps at the end of April.
- Identify potential methods to provide timely updates from the Corp of Engineers on the current activities and report to the committee at the next meeting. (Monthly management updates, GAP Report, Success Reports)

***MRRP WG Sub-Groups for MRRP Work Plan Items***

Shallow Water Habitat Creation

**Point of Contact: John Drew**

Members: Joe Gibbs, Paul Lepisto, Skip Meisner, Bob Williamson

Public Land Acquisition and Ownership

**Point of Contact: Dan Kuenzel/Lanny Meng**

Members: Jim Becic, Joe Gibbs, David Johnson, Skip Meisner, David Sieck, Jason, Skold, Bob Williamson

Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation

**Point of Contact: Russ Kaldenberg**

Water Quality Monitoring and Efforts to Increase Sedimentation

**Point of Contact: Marian Maas**

Member: Jason Skold

Holistic Evaluation of Ecosystem Restoration Effort

**Point of Contact: Marian Maas**

Member: Jason Skold

Tern & Plover Habitats

**Point of Contact: Terry Fleck**

Members: Paul Lepisto and John Stone

Integrated Science Program

Point of Contact: Lynn Muench

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**Missouri River Ecosystem Recovery Plan Work Group (MRERP WG)**

**Point of Contact: Paul Lepisto and Dave Johnson (co-leads)**

Members: Mike Armstrong, Dave Johnson, Buzz Mattelin, Lynn Muench, Kate Vandemoer, Randy Sellers (USACE), Jennifer Switzer (USACE), Mary Roth (USACE), Wayne Nelson-Stastny (USFWS) , Sarah Palmer (USIECR), Facilitation team (TBD)

- Review the purpose and need statement and develop recommended input for the committee to consider making a recommendation on and forward to the agenda committee for the next meeting. These committee Recommendations needs to be completed by June 1, 2009.
  - Review the engagement strategy for input into the study and identify a process and schedule for the committee to interact with the Corp of Engineers in the future and report progress at each of the next meetings. The committee Recommendations regarding the engagement strategy needs to be completed by September 1.
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**Communications Work Group (CWG)**

**Point of Contact: Mike Armstrong**

**Public Information Officer: David Kolarik (USACE)**

Members: Terry Fleck, Bill Lay, Paul Lepisto, Deb Madison, Larry Mires, Ken Reeder, David Sieck, Mary Roth (Corps), Pat Lewis (USIECR)

- Develop a process for agencies to receive requests for information from individual Committee members
- Develop a process for Committee members to receive requests for information from agencies
- Develop a process for agencies to receive requests for information from work groups and the Committee as a whole
- Coordinate with the Committee and the USACE on MRRIC WebEx designs and postings and postings to the public website (mrric.org).
- Coordinate webcast topics and scheduling with the Committee, work groups and the USACE

- Draft MRRIC Annual Report and Self-Assessment for review and input by the Committee. Finalizes Annual Report and Self Assessment.
  - Draft and maintain MRRIC Communications Plan, including key messages and protocols for press releases and public notices.
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### **Nominating Committee Work Group (NWG)**

**POC: David Sieck**

Members: David Barfield, David Johnson, Bill Lay, Lynn Muench, Sarah Palmer (USIECR), Pat Lewis (USIECR)

The Nominating Work Group is tasked with developing a slate of candidates to Chair the Committee and to coordinate with the U.S. Institute on the Chair selection process. A slate of candidates was developed and reviewed by the Committee and the U.S. Institute has issued a solicitation for proposals from interested candidates, which are due February 9, 2009. Below is the Chair selection process proposed by the NWG to the Committee and approved at the January 2009 meeting.

1. Institute sends Committee members candidate Chair proposals and a scoring matrix. (The matrix will have the section criteria across the top and the candidate names will be listed on the left. Members are asked to review candidate proposals against the selection criteria in the solicitation. The matrix will be provided electronically and available as an on-line survey.)
  2. Committee members will score proposals against the selection criteria and email/fax input back to the Institute. The Institute will remove Committee member identifiers from the matrices and will then in coordination with the Nominating work group, compile the input.
  3. Based on the tabulation of the scores, the top four candidates will be invited for interview at the March meeting. If there are three top candidates and two candidates tied for fourth then all five will be invited for interview. If there are not clear candidates then the Committee will need to discuss the candidates in March to determine who to invite to the May meeting.
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### **Agenda Work Group (AWG)**

**POC: Randy Asbury (Interim)**

The Chair will collaborate with the Agenda Work Group. Stakeholder, Tribe, and state Committee members will volunteer each meeting to serve on the Agenda Work Group for the next meeting. The Work Group will not exceed seven stakeholder, Tribe, and state Committee members selected at the discretion of the Chair. No member will serve on this Work Group more than two consecutive meetings. The Chair will ensure that the membership is balanced. The Chair will work with all appropriate entities necessary, including the facilitation team, to create the agenda.

The matrix below shows who has served on the Agenda Committee since the MRRIC was established and who is currently serving on the March AWG.

Name	Type of Membership	Dec 08	Jan 09	Mar 09	May 09	July 09	Sept 09	Nov 09
Mike Armstrong	Stakeholder	X						
David Barfield	State		X					
Bill Beacom	Stakeholder	X	X					
Don Borgman	Stakeholder		X	X				
Tim Bryggman	State	X						
Terry Fleck	Stakeholder	X						
Tom Graves	Stakeholder	X	X					
Bill Lay	Stakeholder			X				
Paul Lepisto	Stakeholder	X	X					
Russ Kaldenberg	Stakeholder			X				
Buzz Mattelin	Stakeholder	X		X				
Skip Meisner	Stakeholder – alternate			X				
Lanny Meng	Stakeholder	X						
John Pozzo	Stakeholder	X						
Jim Redmond	Stakeholder		X	X				
David Sieck	Stakeholder		X					
Kate Vandemoer	Tribe	X						
Mike Wells	State	X						

## **Agreements Reached on Work Group Action Items**

January 27-29, 2009 MRRIC Meeting

### **Integrated Science Program (ISP) Work Group:**

The Committee reached consensus on the following action items proposed by the ISP Work Group (all were deemed process decisions):

- The Committee agreed that the SOA listing issue aligns with the Committee's purpose and scope and that the ISP Work Group can continue working on this topic.
- The ISP Work Group will consult with John Seernon on Wednesday morning to determine what steps to take next on the SOA listing. The outcome of the consultation with John will be shared with the Committee Wednesday or Thursday.
- The ISP Work Group will report more details on opportunities for the Committee to comment on the draft revised pallid sturgeon recovery plan (from a science or a procedural standpoint).
- The ISP Work Group will present a list of topics to the Committee that could be included in a letter of invitation to parties affected by a potential SOA listing on Thursday, January 29.
- That the ISP Work Group can take steps to invite representatives from the following interest groups to present their perspectives on the proposed SOA listing of the shovelnose sturgeon: states, law enforcement, USFWS, and commercial fishing associations. One person abstained.

### **MRRP Work Group:**

The Committee reached consensus on the following action items proposed by the MRRP Work Group (all were deemed process decisions):

- 1) The Committee agreed to consider making recommendations on the following 2009 USACE Work Plan program areas and to establish a subgroup of the MRRP Work Group for each of the specific program areas:
  - Shallow water habitat creation
  - Integrated science program
  - Public land acquisition and ownership
  - Cultural resources and tribal consultation
  - Water quality monitoring and efforts to increase sedimentation
  - Holistic evaluation of ecosystem restoration effort
  - Tern and plover habitats [added by the Committee]
  - Other items identified by the Committee in the future [added by the Committee]

- 2) The MRRP Work Group will confer with the USACE's recovery program to present the 2010 Project Work Plans (PWRs) at the March 2009 MRRIC meeting. The Committee may prioritize those PWRs based on the MRRP budget, once established.
- 3) The work group will focus initially on the program activities for 2009 and 2010. The work group will work on the USACE budget request for subsequent years.
- 4) The MRRP Work Group will meet with the Integrated Science Program Work Group and collaborate on refining the conceptual diagram presented by the MRRP Work Group to the Committee.

**MRERP Work Group:**

- The Committee agreed to task the MRERP Work Group with proposing a draft Purpose and Need statement at the May 2009 MRRIC meeting, then to seek final consensus at the July meeting (this is a process decision).

**Communications/IT Work Group:**

- The Committee agreed that the IT Work Group would become part of the newly established Communications Work Group. Its focus will be on coordinating Communications and information sharing inside and outside the Committee, including with media outlets. Mary Roth will be the primary point of contact for this work group. David Kolarik, Public Information Officer for the USACE's Kansas City District Office, will participate on the Work Group, as needed.
- The Committee agreed that the Communications/IT Work Group will offer a webinar/webcast April 20 on the following topics:
  - Missouri River Restoration, North & South Dakota
  - Lewis & Clark Lake Sediments Management Study
  - Missouri River Streambed Degradation Recon Study

**Nominating Work Group:**

The Committee agreed on the following process for selecting a Committee chairperson:

- The U.S. Institute will distribute proposals and a selection criteria matrix to the Committee members.
- Committee members will review proposals, score the candidates against the selection criteria, and email or fax the completed selection matrix to the U.S. Institute by February 17.
- The U.S. Institute will coordinate with the Nominating Work Group to tabulate the results of the Chair candidate scores and identify the top four candidates to be interviewed by the Committee (five candidates will be interviewed in case of a tie).

- The Committee will select a Chairperson at the March 2009 MRRIC meeting using the same process that was used to select a facilitation team.

#### **March Agenda Work Group:**

- The Agenda Work Group agreed to meet Thursday morning, January 29, with the goal of drafting a March 2009 MRRIC meeting agenda and presenting it to the Committee by the end of the January meeting. The following people volunteered to serve on the March 2009 Agenda work group: Randy Asbury (interim Chairperson), Jim Redmond, Don Borgman, Buzz Mattelin, Bill Lay, Skip Meisner and Russ Kaldenberg.
- Proposed agenda topics should be sent to Randy Asbury and cc Sarah Palmer by Friday February 6, 2009.

#### **Social/Economic/Cultural Discussion Group**

The Committee agreed that Jim Redmond, Bill Lay, Terry Fleck, Tom Graves, Tim Bryggman, Larry Mires, David Shorr, Dave Humphries, and Randy Asbury would meet during Wednesday's 7:30 – 9:00 am work group session to discuss the possibility of forming a socio/economic/cultural (SEC) work group. The Committee agreed that after this initial meeting, the group will join the MRERP Work Group to collaboratively decide whether a separate SEC work group should be formed to address the socio/economic/cultural impacts of the MRRP study (process decision).