



AIS Risks on Watercraft & Equipment in Infested Waterbodies (CRABS) January 8, 2015



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Who is Target Audience?

- ▣ State Agencies
 - Utah DNR
 - AZGFD
 - NDOW
 - Canada
- ▣ Marina
 - CUA's
 - Marina Operators
- ▣ Private
 - Business Owners

2015

- ▣ Inspection and Decontaminations
 - WIT/WID – 2015 – 15 Classes Proposed
 - 13 – 2014
 - ▣ 5 – Lake Mead
 - ▣ 2 – Arizona
 - ▣ Lake Powell
 - ▣ WIT III – Utah – Trainer Training



WIT/WID Objective

- ▣ Course designed for those who are/will be setting-up implementing Watercraft Inspection and/or Decontamination programs for their respective agencies, organizations or businesses.

- ▣ UMPS – Uniform Minimal Protocol & Standards
 - Created for Western United States '09
 - Revised Version Jan '12 – UMPS II
 - New look – 2015!

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Learning Objectives

- ▣ Attendees should leave the training with **NEW** information and/or skills that they didn't possess prior to taking the training.



- WIT I- Inspections
- WIT II - Inspection/Decontamination
- WIT III - Trainer Certification

WIT I

Watercraft Inspection Training

- ▣ WIT I – Inspector
 - ▣ Basic Mussel Biology
 - ▣ Overview of Species and Impacts
 - ▣ Info. on Outreach & Education Programs
 - ▣ Understand Transport Vectors

How to inspect and why we
Need to educate boaters on
Clean, Drain & Dry



WIT/WID II

- ▣ Delivered over 2 days:
 - ▣ Focus on Actual Inspections and Decontaminations on various types of vessels.



-Homework required prior to attending

WIT III – Trainers

Trainers must learn WHAT information is available, HOW to apply the information, and WHY the procedures must be understood in order to be of benefit to them.

- How to Train their staff effectively
- Consistent in fundamentals of WIT/WID in their local Program.
- Must possess LI & LII – Skills, Knowledge

UMPS Program Descriptions

- ▣ Program Descriptions –
- ▣ Outreach & Education – 1st Step!!!
 - No Inspections or decontaminations provided
 - Billboards, Radio, Materials
- ▣ Self Inspection – Voluntary/Mandatory
 - Low cost program – Self Certifications online - Utah
 - Lake Havasu Marine Association – Sticker A Mussel Campaign
 - Lake George , NY upgraded from Voluntary to Mandatory

UMPS Program Descriptions

- ▣ Once Regulations in place!
- ▣ Screening Interview
 - Asking vessel operator a series of questions prior to launch
- ▣ Exclusion
 - Prohibiting any watercraft – exclude all high risk
- ▣ Comprehensive Program
 - Able to detain, seize, require Decontaminations
 - Estimate over 30 Western State, Federal, Tribal, Agencies & Organizations currently operate this type of Intervention Program

2015 Schedule

FEBRUARY

- ▣ 2/10 - 2/11 WIT II LAKE HAVASU
- ▣ 2/24- 2/25 WIT II LAKE MEAD

MARCH

- ▣ 3/10 - 3/11 WIT II LAKE POWELL
- ▣ 3/24 - 3/25 WIT II LAKE MEAD

APRIL

- 4/21-4/22 WIT II LAKE MEAD



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