
MISSOURI RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (MRRIC) November 2018 Plenary Meeting

Monday, November 26: 11:00 am – 5:30 pm (Bird, Fish, and HC Team Meetings)

Tuesday, November 27, 2018: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm (Plenary)

Wednesday, November 28, 2018: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm (Plenary)

Thursday, November 29, 2018: 8:00 am – 12:30 pm (Plenary)

Note: All session times noted are in Central Time.

Meeting Location:

Kansas City Hilton Airport

Kansas City, MO

OVERVIEW AGENDA – DRAFT AS OF 11-13-18

Meeting Objectives:

- Continue to develop a shared understanding about the Missouri River Recovery Program (MRRP) that includes current recovery and mitigation actions underway in the Missouri River Basin. Provide guidance to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (ASA) for Civil Works with respect to these activities
- Seek preliminary consensus on recommendations as determined by work groups (ACTION ITEMS – SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS)
- Seek consensus on (ACTION ITEMS – PROCESS DECISIONS)
 - May 2018 meeting summary and June 2018 plenary summary (consent agenda)
 - Work group membership (consent agenda)
 - MRRIC Annual Report text (consent agenda)
 - Selection of the Committee's Vice-Chair
 - Continuation of Chair (in accordance with MRRIC Charter)
 - Other process proposals as determined by work groups
- Learn more about and, where applicable, decide next steps concerning
 - The Missouri River Recovery Management Plan (MRRMP) Record of Decision (ROD)
 - The MRRP Fall Strategic Plan and how relevant MRRIC recommendations were considered and incorporated
 - Efforts to develop the fish and bird monitoring plans and Independent Science Advisory Panel (ISAP) feedback regarding the monitoring plans and future implementation of the MRRP Science and Adaptive Management Plan (SAMP)
 - The framework for the Adaptive Management (AM) implementation of Ft. Peck test flows
 - The status of the species
 - The results of the MRRIC self-assessment survey
 - Status of new Third Party Science Neutral (TPSN) selection process
 - MRRIC federal member interests
 - Pre-meeting Agencies' Updates Webinar topics
- Learn more about the activities of and possible proposals from work groups, including (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
 - The AM Governance Planning (GP) Ad Hoc Group's lessons learned from the initial year of implementation

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- The Bird, Fish, and Human Considerations (HC) Work Groups key takeaways from the Fall Science Meeting (FSM) webinars
 - Communications Work Group efforts; Membership Process and Procedures (MP2) Ad Hoc Group; Plover Habitat Ad Hoc Group; and Tribal Interests Work Group
 - Celebrate MRRIC's 10th Anniversary

Monday, November 26, 2018

11:00 am-5:30 pm **Bird, Fish, and HC Team Meetings** (*Optional*)
All MRRIC members invited to observe.
Location: TBD

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

8:00 am **Opening – Gail Bingham, Chair**
Welcome

8:05 am **Meeting Objectives**
Goals: Open meeting, discuss what we hope to accomplish.

Gail Bingham, Chair

David Ponganis, Director of Programs, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Mike Thabault, Assistant Regional Director – Ecological Services Mountain Prairie Region, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)

8:10 am **Introductions**
Goals: Introduce members, announce if quorum exists, and introduce observers.

8:20 am **Agenda Review and Approach to this Meeting**
Goals: Review meeting agenda and remind about decision-making and collaboration tips.

8:30 am **Business Session: Consent Agenda**
Goals: Review consent agenda and seek approval. (ACTION ITEM)

8:45 am **Business Session: MRRMP Update on Completion of the ROD**
Goals: Hear about the process to update and complete the MRRMP ROD.

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- 9:00 am **Business Session: MRRP Strategic Plan Discussion and Lead Agency Response to MRRIC Recommendations**
Goals: Following the information shared on Agencies Updates Webinar presentation, hear about Bird, Fish, and HC Work Groups plans to track agency responses to MRRIC recommendations and provide an opportunity for additional questions or comments regarding the Fall MRRP Strategic Plan and Lead Agency responses to MRRIC recommendations. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 9:30 am **BREAK**
- 9:45 am **Business Session: AM GP Ad Hoc Group Report**
Goals: Hear a report on AM GP Ad Hoc Group activities and discuss draft recommendation on a vision for effective AM governance. (ACTION ITEM)
- 11:00 am **Business Session: MRRIC 2019 Schedule and Activity Prioritization Process**
Goals: Hear an update on the schedule for MRRIC in 2019, as well as the proposed approach for prioritizing engagements and other contracted tasks. Seek input on approaches to maintaining momentum between plenary meetings. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 11:45 am **Business Session: Follow up to the Agencies' Updates Webinar**
Goals: Opportunity for the Agencies to supplement information provided on the Agencies' Updates Webinar and for Committee members to discuss issues generated during the webinar.
- 12:00 pm **LUNCH**
Federal Working Group meeting – Location: TBD
Tribal Interests Work Group Breakout Session – Location: TBD
State Representatives lunch – Location: TBD
- 1:15 pm **Executive Session: TPSN Selection Process – Update from U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR) and MP2**
Goals: Hear an update on the TPSN selection process from the USIECR and report on related MP2 activities. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 1:45 pm **Business Session: Engagement with the ISAP Regarding the Monitoring Plans and the Fall Science Meeting (FSM) Webinars**
Goals: Learn about and hear feedback from the ISAP on fish and bird monitoring plans development. Hear ISAP perspectives on information shared during the 2018 FSM Webinars and future implementation of the SAMP. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 3:30 pm **BREAK**
- 3:45 pm **Business Session: Vice-Chair Selection Process Part I – Introductions**
Goals: Announce Vice-Chair candidates and describe the selection process. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)

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- 4:00 pm **Business Session: Chair’s Forum**
Goals: Opportunity to hear the following:
- Comments from the Chair
 - Updates from USACE
 - Updates from USFWS
 - Members’ issues
 - Status of the May 2018 plenary meeting action items
- 5:00 pm **Day 1 Wrap Up**
Goals: Review and confirm action items established during the day’s plenary session. Follow-up on outstanding questions or questions/comments submitted through the comment box.
- 5:15 pm **Call to Public and Input from Agency Staff**
Goals: Receive comments and questions from the public and time for agency staff to offer input.
- 5:30 pm **Meeting Adjourns for Day**
- TBD **Optional Events**
Ad hoc meetings, as needed

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

- 8:00 am **Opening**
Goals: Recap and reflect on yesterday’s progress and accomplishments. Wrap up any pending items from Day 1.
- 8:15 am **Information Sharing Session: Status of the Species**
Goals: Hear an update on the status of the pallid sturgeon, piping plover, and interior least tern.
- 8:45 am **Business Session: FSM Webinars Overview**
Goals: Hear an overview of the objectives of the FSM webinars and how they fit into the annual AM process.
- 9:00 am **Business Session: Fish Work Group Report**
Goals: Learn about and discuss the information shared on the fish FSM webinars and hear an update on Fish Work Group activities. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 10:00 am **BREAK**
- 10:15 am **Business Session: Bird Work Group Report**
Goals: Learn about and discuss the information shared on the bird FSM webinars and hear an update on Bird Work Group activities. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)

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- 11:15 am **Business Session: HC Work Group Report**
Goals: Learn about and discuss any HC-related information shared on the FSM webinars and hear an update on HC Work Group activities. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 12:15 pm **LUNCH**
Tribal/Lead Agency Lunch – Location: TBD
Opportunity for members to interact with the members of the press – Location: Plenary Room
- 1:30 pm **Business Session: Ft. Peck Test Flow Framework**
Goals: Learn about and discuss the work to develop a framework for analyzing whether and how to implement Ft. Peck test flows through AM and possibly NEPA. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 2:30 pm **Business Session: Plover Habitat Ad Hoc Group Report**
Goals: Hear an update on and discuss the Plover Habitat Ad Hoc Group activities. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 3:00 pm **BREAK**
- 3:15 pm **Information Sharing Session: Federal Member Interest Panel**
Goals: Learn about the work several federal agencies are doing related to MRRP objectives.
- 4:00 pm **Call to Public and Input from Agency Staff and Day 2 Wrap Up**
Goals: Receive comments and questions from the public and time for agency staff to offer input. Review and confirm action items established during the day’s plenary session. Follow-up on outstanding questions or questions/comments submitted through the comment box.
- 4:15 pm **MRRIC 10th Anniversary Celebration**
Goals: Celebrate MRRIC’s 10th anniversary, including remarks from ASA (Civil Works) the Honorable Mr. R.D. James and recognition of members.
- 6:00 pm **Meeting Adjourns for the Day**
- TBD **Optional Events**
Social Hour (to be confirmed)

Thursday, November 29, 2018

- 8:00 am **Opening**
Goals: Recap and reflect on yesterday’s progress and accomplishments. Wrap up any pending items from Day 2.

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- 8:15 am **Business Session: Carry Over Issues**
Goals: Discuss outstanding substantive recommendations and strive to reach closure; if appropriate, address other outstanding issues. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 9:15 am **Vice-Chair Selection Process Part II - Vice-Chair Statements of Interest, Questions, and Selection**
Goals: Opportunity for Vice-Chair candidates to introduce themselves. Opportunity for MRRIC to ask Vice-Chair candidates questions and select the Vice-Chair. (ACTION ITEM)
- 9:45 am **BREAK and Annual MRRIC Photo**
- 10:15 am **Business Session: Tribal Interests Work Group Report**
Goals: Hear an update on Tribal Interests Work Group activities, including efforts to plan an AM training. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 10:45 am **Business Session: Communications Work Group Report**
Goals: Hear an update on the Communications Work Group report, including discussion of the results of the MRRIC self-assessment survey. (POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS)
- 11:30 am **Executive Session: Feedback for the USIECR on the Chair**
Goals: Opportunity for members to provide feedback on the Chair to the USIECR; seek consensus on continuation of Chair in accordance with MRRIC Charter. (ACTION ITEMS)
- 12:00 pm **Business Session: Meeting Wrap Up and Planning for Upcoming Meetings**
Goals: Review and confirm action items; review meeting accomplishments; and review plans for activities leading up to and at the next plenary meeting. Follow-up on outstanding questions or questions/comments submitted through the comment box.
- 12:15 pm **Call to Public and Input from Agency Staff**
Goals: Receive comments and questions from the public and time for agency staff to offer input.
- 12:30 pm **Adjourn**