

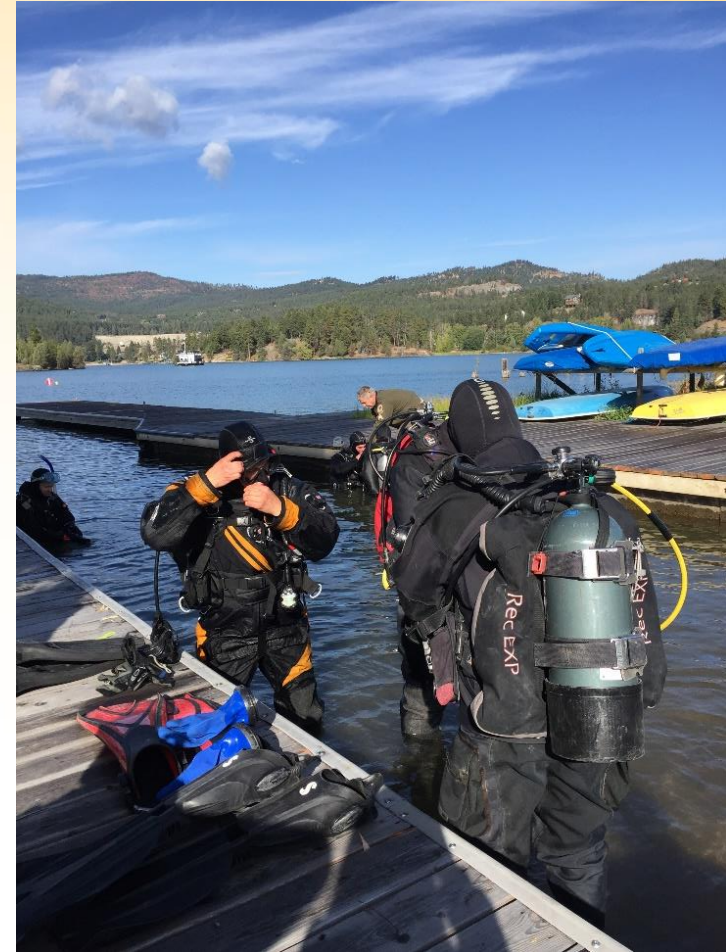
Rapid Response Planning



Past Montana Response Exercises

PSMFC and USFWS Coordinated.

- Lake Koocanusa Rapid Response Exercise, October 2011.
- Flathead Rapid Response Exercise conducted September 2018.
 - Unified Command: CSKT & FWP.
- Fort Peck Reservoir Rapid Response Exercise September 2021.
 - FWP led in coordination with USACE.



Flathead Lake

- Shared Jurisdiction
 - Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
 - State of Montana
- Top destination for out-of-state boaters in Montana.



Follow-Up Flathead RR Exercise

- December 14, 2022.
- State and Tribal representatives reviewing response plan.
- Small group.
- 1 day discussion with FWP and CSKT staff.



Meeting Objectives

- Review the [Dreissenid Rapid Response Guidelines](#).
- Discuss anticipated decision points and response actions.
- Identify gaps and needs for improving response preparedness.
- Identify non-consensus areas for follow-up discussion.
- Revise and update guidelines.
- Discuss Eurasian watermilfoil detection in Pablo Reservoir.



The Exercise

- Step-by-step review of Guidelines.
- Focus on anticipated decision points and response actions.
- Identify gaps and needs for improving response preparedness.
- Identify non-consensus areas for follow-up discussion.
- Loosely follow ICS
- Utilize CRB DIRT resources.



Exercise Highlights

- Review Guidelines.
- Addressing eDNA results.
- Exit inspection within 24 hours.
- Capacity for sampling and analysis identified.
- Identified centralized decon locations.
- Agreement of process and timelines.
- Great communication.



Next Steps

- Still questions that need to be addressed by Tribal Council.
 - Closures?
- Work needed on Containment strategy.
- Continue dialogue.
- Persistence



Worth Protecting

