

**National Aquatic Resource Survey Training Improvement Workshop 2 – Hosted by CTIC**

**October 29 – 30, 2019**

**Dallas, TX**

**Tuesday - October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**8:00 – 9:00am**

**Introduction/Welcome/Overview**

- Overview of workshop objectives (AP)
  - Identify short and long-term suggestions to improve the NARS field training experience
  - Define levels of expertise for field personnel, i.e., crew, trainers, assistance visitors, and capture your recommendations about how to build and maintain these levels of expertise
  - Identify specific recommendations for capacity building objectives and activities
- What training modifications were incorporated into NRSA 2019 training (RM)
  - Omit classroom presentations
  - Experienced crew training
  - Hands-on field training observation/ evaluation

**9:00 – 10:30am**

**Lessons Learned**

- Review highlights from collaborative document
- Lessons learned from NRSA 2018-2019
  - Partner perspectives on training modifications
  - Training reviews
  - What worked and what didn't work

**10:30 – 11:00 am**

**Break and ideas of what capacity building means to partners**

**11:00 – 12:30pm**

**Lessons Learned Feedback**

- What should we carry forward across surveys?
  - Identify future training needs
  - Identify key aspects of training that need to improve
  - What potential tools (videos/app) have the greatest potential to improve training experience for crews
  - What training format or logistical issues are most likely to provide crews with adequate training?

**12:30 – 1:15pm**

***Lunch provided\****

**1:15 – 3:15pm**

**Levels of Expertise (Training Tiers)**

- Review the levels of expertise from workshop 1 and the collaborative document
- Identify/ define the levels of expertise

**3:15 – 3:30pm**

**Break**

**3:30 – 5:30pm**

**Criteria and Training Objectives for Levels of Expertise**

- Brainstorm criteria for levels of expertise (e.g., field crew, trainer, AVer, master trainer)
- Define the training objectives needed to achieve and sustain these levels of expertise in NARS

**Wednesday - October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**8:00 – 8:30am**

**Recap Tuesday's discussions**

**8:30 – 10:30am**

**Review and Recap All Discussions**

- Follow up on any of the previous agenda items
- Prioritize options and develop action items
- Capture discussion in a presentation that can be shared broadly after this workshop

**10:30 – 11:15am**

**Break and review of capacity building ideas and what NARS could build on**

**11:15 – 1:00pm**

**Continue Review and Recap**

**1:00 – 1:45pm**

***Lunch provided\****

**1:45 – 5:00pm**

**Complete PowerPoint presentation and tangible product that we could bring back to NARS team**

**5:00 – 5:30pm**

**Identify next steps and wrap up**

***\*Note: If you are a federal or EPA employee, you will need to pay \$10.00 by cash or check (made payable to CTIC) for Tuesday's and Wednesday's lunches.***

***Hans Kok with CTIC, will be collecting money from you on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.***