Northwest Regional Northern Pike Coordination Forum

(NRNPCF)



Tuesday | November 17, 2026



Thank you for joining us, in person and online, for this year's Regional Update Meeting. Since 2021, the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) has hosted the Northwest Regional Northern Pike Coordination Forum, bringing together fisheries managers, researchers, and the public to share information and to collaborate on Northern Pike management.

Agenda at a Glance

11:30–12:00	Lunch & Welcoming Remarks
12:00–4:00	Speaker Presentations
4:00–4:30	Open Discussion, Q&A, and Closing Remarks
4:30–5:30	Social Hour (in person only)

Detailed Agenda

11:30–12:00 **Lunch & Welcoming Remarks**
Laura Robinson | Upper Columbia United Tribes | *Executive Director*

12:00–12:20 **Impacts of Invasive Pike: An Update from Alaska**
Parker Bradley | Alaska Department of Fish and Game | *Region II Invasive Species Coordinator*

12:20–12:40 **To Catch a Predator: A Successful Large-Scale Northern Pike Suppression Program**
Nick Bean | Kalispel Tribe of Indians Natural Resources Department | *Fisheries Biologist*

12:40–1:00 **Lake Pend Oreille Northern Pike Status and Diet Research**
Ryan Hardy | Idaho Department of Fish and Game | *Principal Fishery Research Biologist*

1:00–1:15 **Break**

1:15–1:30 **Lake Coeur d'Alene Northern Pike Suppression Update**
Elizabeth Myers | Coeur d'Alene Tribe | *Fisheries Biologist*

All times are Pacific Time (PT).



1:30–2:00 **Lake Roosevelt Northern Pike Monitoring and Suppression Project**

Holly McLellan | Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation | *Subdivision Manager*
Marc Terrazas | Spokane Tribe of Indians | *Fisheries Biologist*
Chuck Lee | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife | *Fish & Wildlife Biologist 3*

Related resources:

- Colville Tribes Northern Pike Reward Program Information (link)

2:00–2:10 **NW Regional Northern Pike Forum – Grant PUD Status Update**

Tom Dresser | Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington | *Senior Manager of Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality*

2:10–2:30 **Monitoring for Northern Pike in the Anadromous Zone of the Columbia River: Looking for a Needle in a Haystack**

Denise Kelsey | Kelsey Fish & Wildlife and GIS Services | *Fishery Scientist*
Blaine L. Parker | Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission | *Invasive Species Coordinator*

2:30–2:45 **Break**

2:45–2:55 **Okanagan Nation Alliance Northern Pike Suppression**

Ross Zeleznik | Okanagan Nation Alliance | *Fisheries Biologist*

2:55–3:10 **Northern Pike in Lake Washington**

Tiffany Armstrong | Muckleshoot Indian Tribe | *Quantitative Fisheries Scientist*

3:10–3:25 **WA Department of Fish & Wildlife Northern Pike Response Efforts**

Chuck Lee | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife | *Fish & Wildlife Biologist 3*

Related resources:

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Northern Pike (link)

3:25–3:45 **State and Federal Opportunities and Northern Pike Suppression Cost-Share**

Justin Bush | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife | *Aquatic Invasive Species Division Manager*

Related resources:

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Aquatic Invasive Species (link)
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Northern Pike (link)
- State of Washington Interagency Northern Pike Rapid Response Plan (link)
- Invasive Northern Pike: Tracking this Major Salmon Predator Downstream (link)

3:45–4:00 **Break**

4:00–4:30 **Open Discussion, Q&A, and Closing Remarks**



Speaker Bios



Tiffany Armstrong

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

Quantitative Fisheries Scientist

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Tiffany has been a quantitative fisheries scientist with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe since 2022. She currently works mainly with species that are introduced and invasive to the Lake Washington basin, but also has an interest in native non-game fish.



Nick Bean

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Nick is a fisheries biologist with the Kalispel Tribe, where he has implemented complex invasive species management (suppression and eradication) and native species conservation (enhancement, reintroduction) projects for 18 years. With 15 years of active participation in, and management of, the Pend Oreille River Northern Pike Suppression Program, he understands the scale and complexity of this regional issue and the importance of sharing the successes and lessons learned with others.



Parker Bradley

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Region II Invasive Species Coordinator

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Parker is the Region II Invasive Species Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Division of Sport Fish. He has been in this role since January 2026 and previously was an Invasive Species Biologist. He has focused mainly on invasive pike since 2018. Prior to that, Parker was a Habitat Biologist with ADF&G. He earned a Master of Science in Fisheries at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and the University of Montana.



Speaker Bios



Justin Bush

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Justin is the Aquatic Invasive Species Division Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, where he leads statewide prevention and management of invasive animals in both marine and freshwater environments, including oversight of ballast water and biofouling regulations. Since 2008, he has managed invasive species programs addressing plants, animals, and diseases across Washington and Texas. His previous roles include positions with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, King County, and the Washington Invasive Species Council, giving him a breadth of experience in both policy and on-the-ground management. Having grown up on and in the Columbia River, Justin is passionate about protecting our waters for future generations.



Tom Dresser

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Tom is the Senior Manager of Fish, Wildlife and Water Quality at the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County, Washington, located in Ephrata. Tom is responsible for developing and implementing protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures to reduce impacts on adult and juvenile salmon and steelhead as they migrate through the hydrosystem.



Ryan Hardy

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Ryan is currently the Principal Fishery Research Biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, where he has worked as a biologist for the past 25 years. He oversees fishery mitigation research programs on Lake Pend Oreille and Dworshak Reservoir, with a primary focus on predator management to sustain Lake Pend Oreille's world-class Gerrard-strain Rainbow Trout fishery and one of the most robust Bull Trout populations throughout their native range.



Speaker Bios



Denise Kelsey

Kelsey Fish & Wildlife and GIS Services

Fishery Scientist

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Denise has worked for Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) for 26 years and is currently a private consultant on projects that support salmon recovery and restoration. She creates and organizes large tabular or spatially referenced datasets, works to improve data collection, management, and reporting using digital technologies. This work involves designing database tables and data collection forms and documenting systems, metadata, and protocols.



Chuck Lee

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Chuck is a fisheries biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Spokane, Washington. He manages the Northern Pike suppression and monitoring project at Lake Roosevelt and has led and participated in Northern Pike suppression and monitoring actions at various locations in eastern Washington. Chuck enjoys coordinating with regional resource managers and stakeholders in the fight against aquatic invasive species.



Holly McLellan

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Holly is a fisheries research biologist with 26 years of experience studying fish populations in the Pacific Northwest. She serves as Subdivision Manager for the Resident Fish Division of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, overseeing research on the impacts of Columbia River hydropower on resident salmonids and efforts to address aquatic invasive species, including Northern Pike.



Speaker Bios



Elizabeth Myers

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Elizabeth is a fisheries biologist for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. She has been managing the Tribe's Northern Pike suppression efforts on Lake Coeur d'Alene for two years. Additionally, her work includes research to better understand ecosystem dynamics in the lake and along the St. Joe River. Elizabeth holds a master's degree in Marine and Environmental Biology from Nicholls State University and a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries from Frostburg State University.



Blaine L. Parker

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Invasive Species Coordinator

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Blaine has worked for CRITFC since 1991, with three decades of experience in aquatic invasive species work at the local, regional, and national levels. Northern Pike are a key focus given the large quantity of habitat in the maturing reservoirs of the Columbia River.



Laura Robinson

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Executive Director

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Laura has spent her career working on fish and wildlife policy issues and hydropower mitigation in the Columbia River Basin and is currently the Executive Director at the Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT). Laura joined the UCUT team in 2020 as a Policy Analyst and was appointed Executive Director in November 2025. Prior to joining UCUT, Laura worked at the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and earned her Executive Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and Geography, both from Portland State University.



Speaker Bios



Marc Terrazas

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Marc is a Fisheries Biologist for the Spokane Tribe of Indians focusing on resident fish projects and Northern Pike suppression in Lake Roosevelt. He has been with the Tribe for over five years and has more than 15 years of experience throughout the Inland Northwest on projects dealing with species of management and conservation need.



Ross Zeleznik

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Over the last several years, Ross has been in charge of field operations and project management of the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) Northern Pike suppression program. Based in the ONA Castlegar office in British Columbia, Ross manages aquatic invasive species suppression efforts primarily on the Columbia River and Pend-d'Oreille River systems.

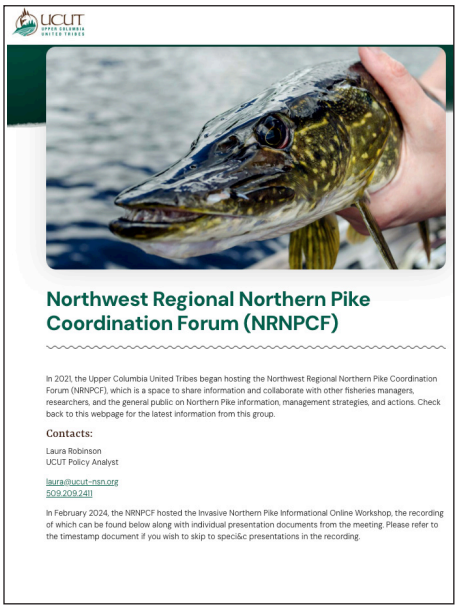


Additional Resources



Summary Report: 2026 Northern Pike Rapid Response Exercise, Soldotna, Alaska

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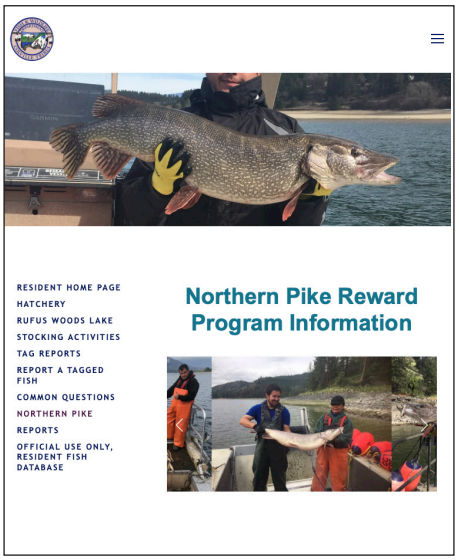


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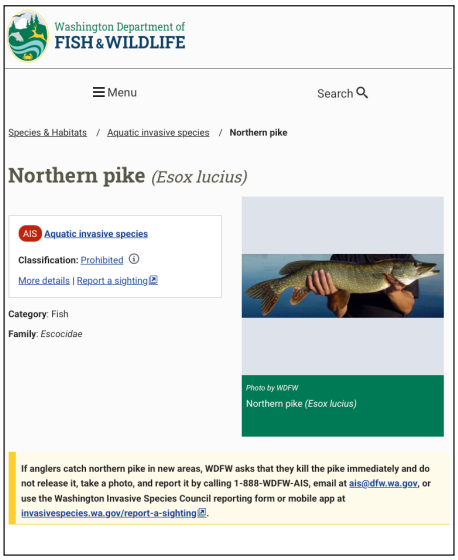


Speaker Resources



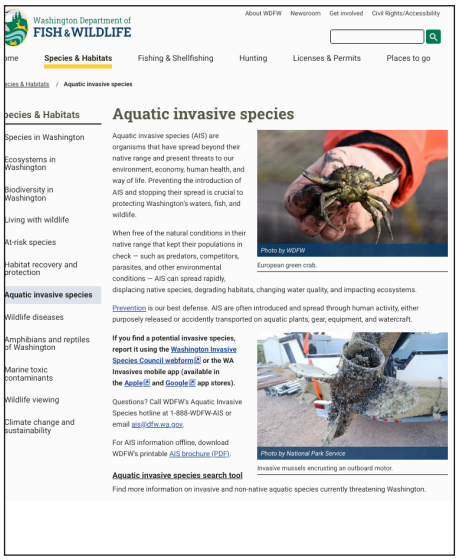
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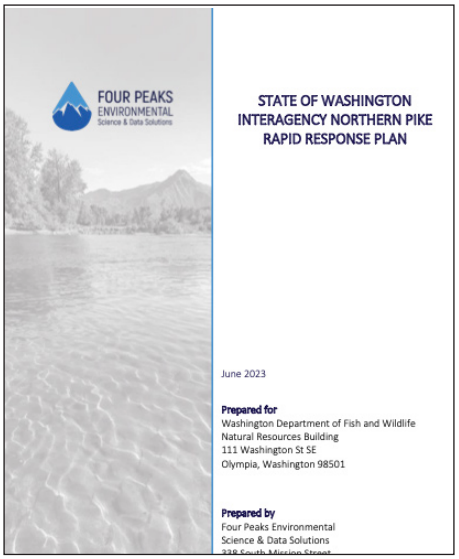
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Northern Pike

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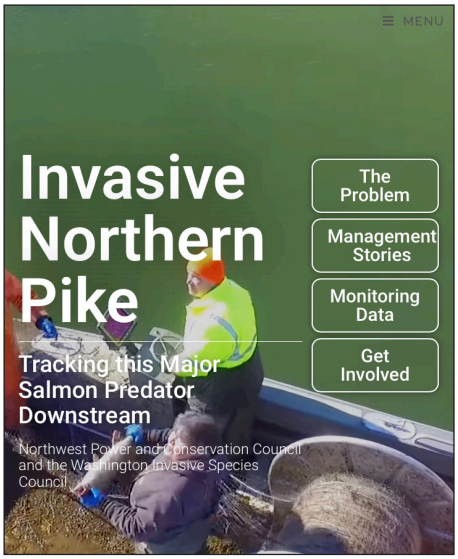
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https://pike.nwcouncil.org/