

## **California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:**

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and USFWS biologist Jonathan Thompson from your own workspace for a 1-hour Webinar session “Invasive Species Risk Assessment and Planning”. The webinar will be on Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please see the instructions below to join the webinar.

### **Invasive Species Risk Assessment and Planning**

Jonathan Thompson is a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region (California, Nevada, and the Klamath Basin), Aquatic Invasive Species Program. Thompson's focus is on preventing, managing and controlling invasive species. One of his main duties is to coordinate invasive species workshops within the USFWS Pacific Southwest Region.

Invasive Species Risk Assessment and Planning is a tool that manages the risk of moving non-targets (non-target = anything that you are not intending on moving from one place to the next) in natural resource management activities, such as water quality monitoring. The first step in the risk management process is to conduct a risk assessment of potential pathways (A pathway is the movement of non-targets). The risk assessment determines the significance of potentially moving species to an area where they may become invasive. Once it is determined that a pathway poses a significant risk, then a plan is implemented to reduce this risk. The plan is created using the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) planning process.

As part of campaigns to help prevent the spread of invasive by increasing awareness, HACCP has become a recognizable brand. HACCP training workshops, a website, and an international standard have been created. The ISRAP process takes advantage of this pre-existing HACCP brand and planning process (with a few modifications) and combines them with the risk assessment to create a tool that is focused on preventing the spread of invasive species.

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Topic: Invasive Species Risk Assessment and Planning

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2010

Time: 11:30 pm, Pacific Daylight Time (San Francisco, GMT-07:00)

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Materials (if available), including past webinars will be posted on the website. The recorded webinars and associated materials are located under 'Monthly Webinars'. We hope to use this web page to help you network with each other and with the larger monitoring community. So, feel free to give us your ideas on how to make it better. New participants can join the webinar listserv by signing up on the web at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml). Enter your email address and name, place a check mark next to "Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network - Webinar Sessions", then click the "subscribe" button.

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Many of us in the water quality monitoring community have been looking for a California forum for sharing our ideas, successes and common concerns. In response to that need, the California Water Quality Monitoring Council is partnering with the Water Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, the Nonpoint Source Program and US Environmental Protection Agency to launch a monthly conference call to support the activities of regional monitoring programs.

The Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network will begin as a voluntary monthly conference call that members of the monitoring community can participate in as topics meet their interests. The conference call format and content will vary in response to input from participants. Sessions are planned to share technical and support tools for monitoring, assessment and reporting; to encourage discussion on common concerns like information management; and to provide a forum for networking.

It is envisioned that the Collaboration network will help support a state framework to coordinate consistent and scientifically defensible methods and strategies for improving water quality monitoring, assessment, and reporting.