

# Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training (WIT) Program



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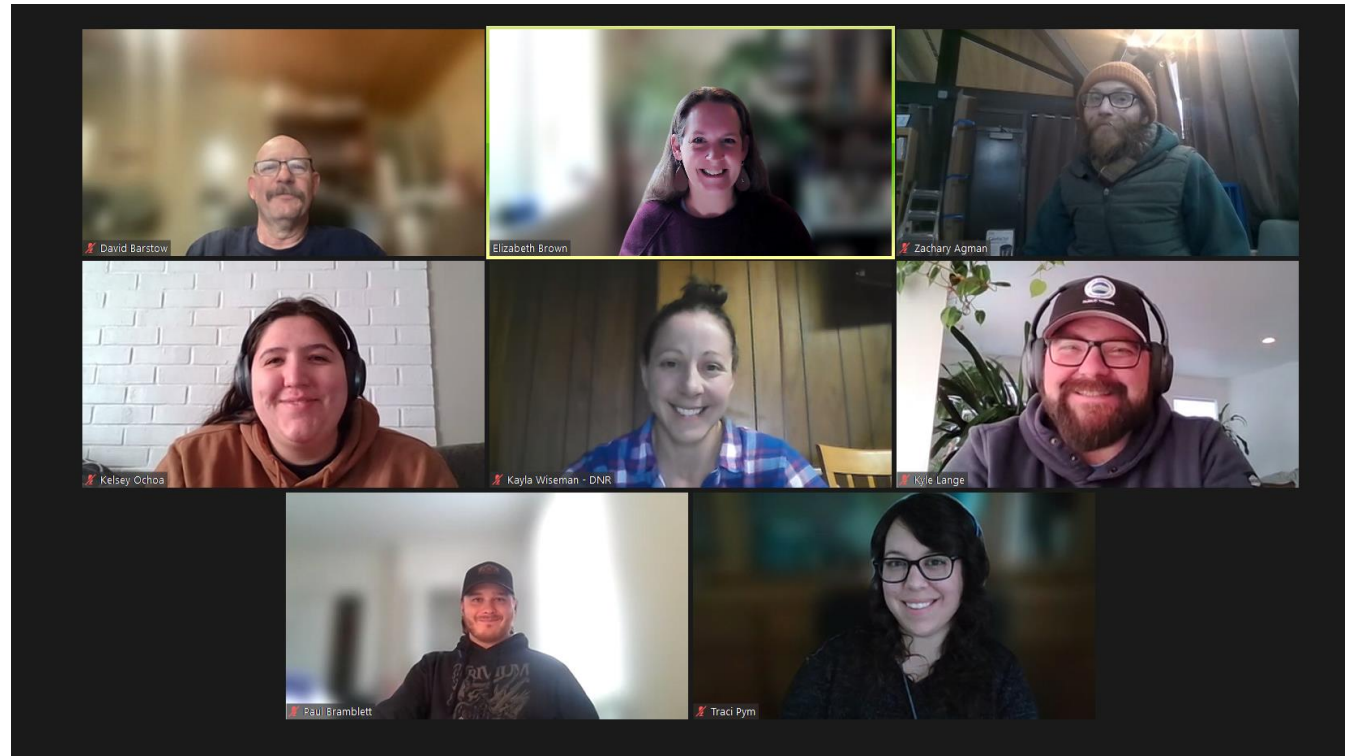
# Four Levels of Training

Level 1 – Inspection

Level 2 – Decontamination

Level 3\* – Trainer

Level 4\* – Advanced  
Decontamination



Year	# Certified
2008	53
2009	71
2010	70
2011	78
2012	117
2013	92
2014	120
2015	117
2016	92
2017	99
2018	132
2019	139
2020	148
2021	198
2022	178
2023	108
<b>2024</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,996</b>

# WIT Certifications

- 1,996 Total Individuals Trained
  - 117 average per year
- 128 Organizations



# Spring 2024 WIT Attendees

Canada = 34

USA = 150

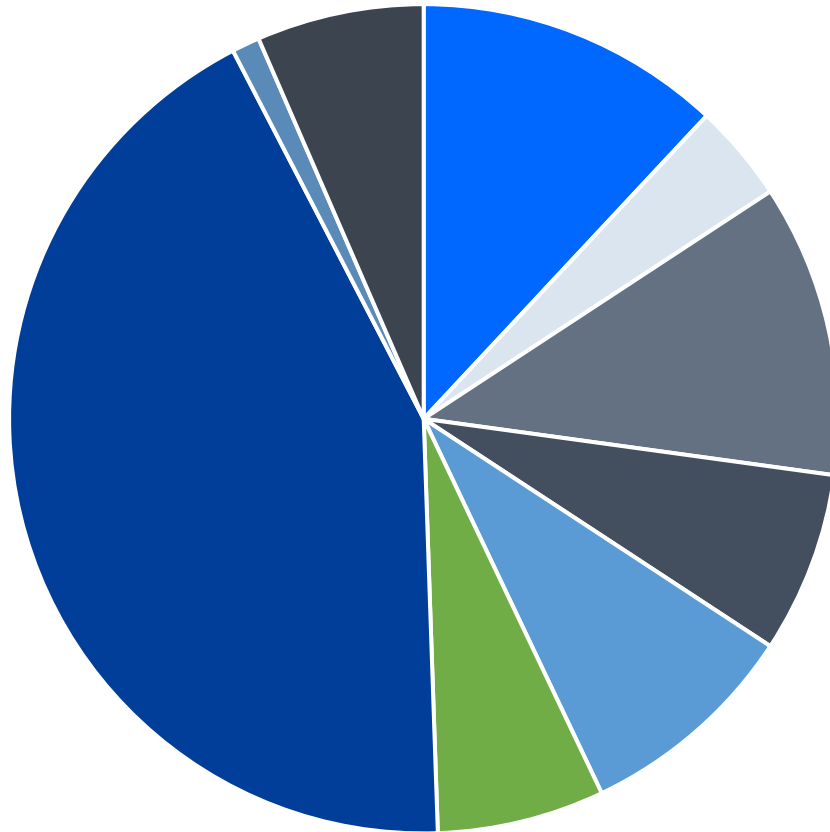
- 7 Provinces
- 16 States
- 69 Unique Organizations
- 24 NEW Organizations

Alberta	7
British Columbia	2
Manitoba	1
New Brunswick	5
Nova Scotia	5
Ontario	1
Quebec	13

Alaska	2
Arizona	1
California	81
Colorado	5
Idaho	11
Kentucky	3
Montana	4
Nebraska	2
Nevada	1
North Dakota	1
Oregon	7
South Dakota	1
Texas	4
Utah	1
Washington	24
Wyoming	2



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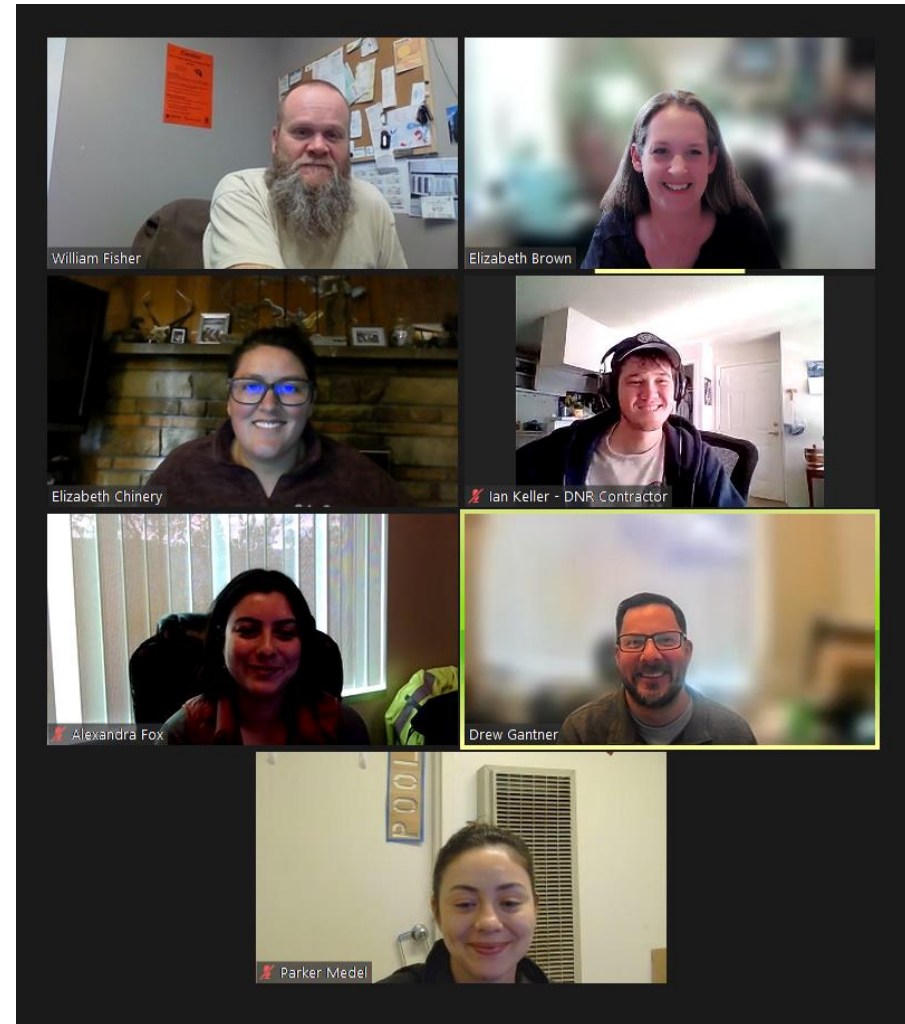
Canada - Federal	22	12%
Conservation District	7	4%
County	21	11%
Municipal	13	7%
Private	16	9%
Province	12	7%
State	79	43%
Tribal	2	1%
USA - Federal	12	7%

■ Canada - Federal ■ Conservation District ■ County ■ Municipal ■ Private ■ Province ■ State ■ Tribal ■ USA - Federal



# 2024 Spring WIT

- **Level 1 Inspector**
  - 7 classes
  - 35 individuals certified
- **Level 2 WID**
  - 7 classes
  - 123 individuals certified
- **Level 3 Trainer**
  - 4 classes
  - 26 individuals certified
    - *20 L2 Trainers and 6 L1 Trainers*
  - Pre-requisites and Supervisor Recommendation Required
  - Class size limited to 6-8 students



# Modifications for Virtual Engagement



## List 3 Words That Describe Zebra and Quagga Mussels

101 responses



## List 3 Words That Describe Aquatic Invasive Species

96 responses



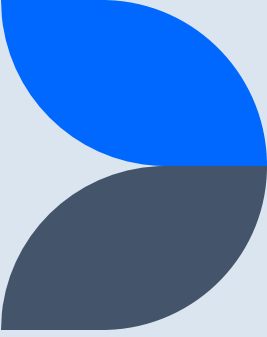


# Future Improvements

- Updated Videos
- More Guest Speakers
- Expand 'Introduction' to include Canada info
- Customized 'Other AIS Biology' Section
- Sideline training topics (e.g. education/outreach or monitoring)
- Exploring other options for virtual engagement
- Approved recommendations from audit



# WIT Program Audit

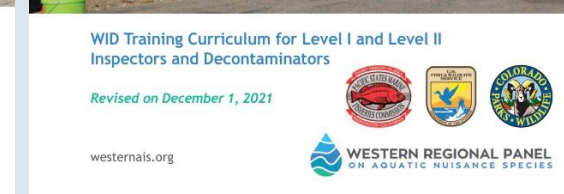
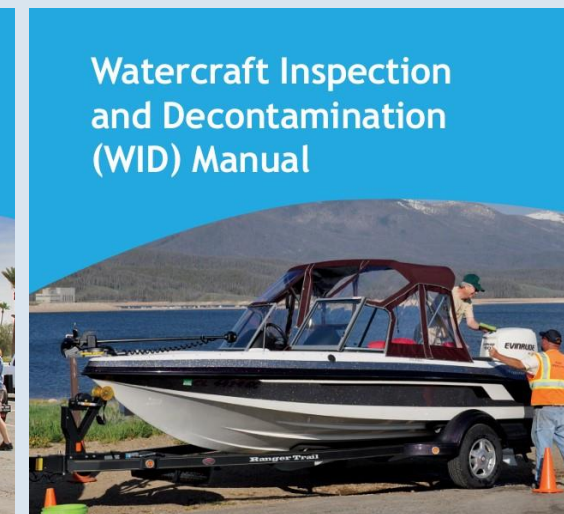
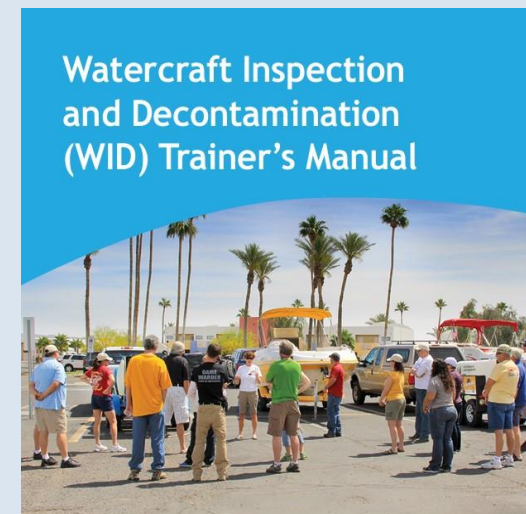
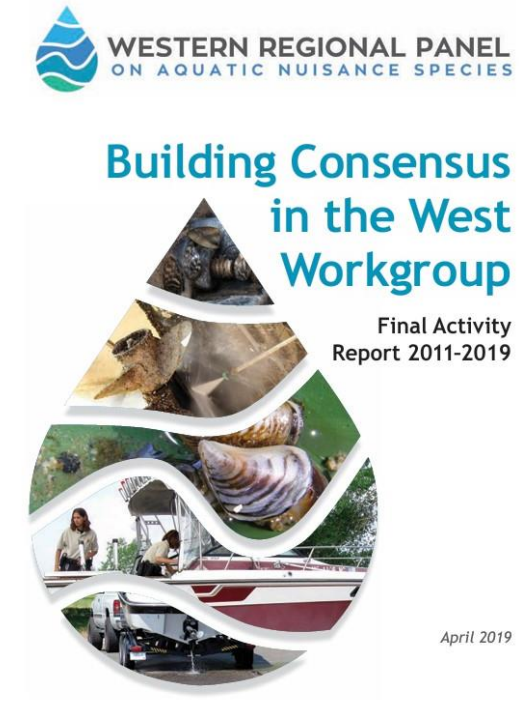
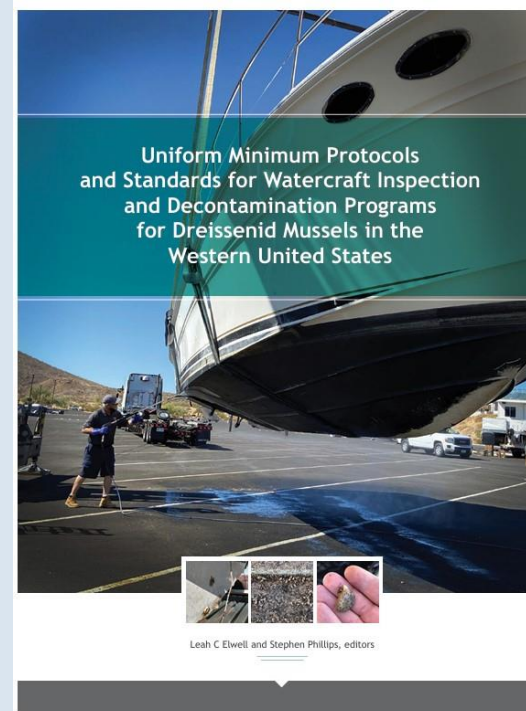


## Three Focus Areas:

1. How are programs training WID station staff/volunteers?
  - WID Trainer's Manual Implementation
2. How are programs implementing the WRP/ANSTF approved WID protocols?
  - UMPS, WID Manual, WRP DTT Procedures
3. How are programs ensuring quality control of WID?
  - Building Consensus guidance and WID Trainer's Manual

# WIT Audit Process

1. Agency Material Comparison
  - WID Training Manual and Documents
  - WID Protocols and Procedures
  - WID Quality Control Policy and Forms
  - Other WID Policy or Directive
2. WID Survey
3. Discussion
4. Report and Recommendations



# Fall 2024 Virtual Classes

## Level 1-2 Combo Class

- September 10-12
- October 8-10
- November 12-14
- December 10-12

## Level 3 Trainer Class

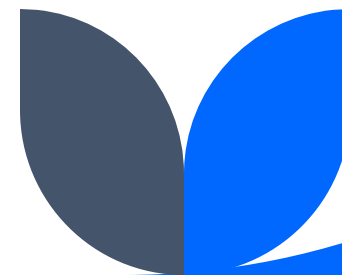
- September 17-19
- December 17-19



WIT Event Hub



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# Thank you!

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