

Front Range Bullfrog Control Efforts

Meeting date and time: 3/13/19; 2-330pm

Location: City of Boulder OSMP office; 2520 55th St. Boulder 80301

Goal: To bring together staff from multiple agencies along the Front Range to discuss efforts to manage bullfrogs and improve habitat for native herps, including northern leopard frogs; to create a framework for future discussions.

Agenda

Welcome! Introductions and meeting overview; assign notetaker and timekeeper

(2:00 - 2:15) – Joe and Will

Report out: what are agencies doing? (2:15 – 3:00) -- All

- Agencies will provide overview in 5-7 minutes (PowerPoint available as needed, but arrive a few minutes early to load this) – *Please describe your general approach (i.e. why you're doing it, which control methods have you attempted, and results; also see "Towards a coordinated effort" section below to determine if integrating this information into your "presentation" makes sense)*
 - Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks
 - Boulder Parks and Recreation
 - Boulder County Parks and Open Space
 - City of Longmont
 - Fort Collins Natural Areas
 - Jefferson County Open Space

What are our limitations and available resources? (3:00 - 3:10)

- How to navigate control of a game species? – CPW (Harry Crockett and/ or others)
- Resources available? (Agency, small grants, CPW, COPARC, etc.) – All

Towards a coordinated effort / information gathering – (3:10 - 3:20)

- How does your agency choose which water bodies to select for control efforts?
 - Are there target (sensitive) species that drive prioritization?
 - Are you monitoring for other species to evaluate effectiveness?
- Are you providing public education and outreach on bullfrog control?
- Are you conducting further research with captured bullfrogs?
 - eg: swabbing for Chytrid; determining stomach contents; donation to bio labs?
- Bullfrog euthanasia methods?

Next steps: Date / duration / location of next meeting; who to invite -- (3:20 – 3:30)

- Easier to meet in conjunction with another meeting, or should we keep this separate?
 - eg: COPARC could host a workshop day on the Friday before their annual meeting

Final Thoughts?