

Front Range American Bullfrog Control and Northern Leopard Frog Working Group

June 3 (3pm); Phone number: 1 (720) 593-3714, Access Code: 91128564#

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

Quick updates/ questions: 3:00-3:15pm

- 2019 Meeting Dates and Times – **August 14 (9am); October 28 (1pm)**
- J. Ehrenberger (AES) & others - PARCA (Priority Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Areas)
- M. Kobza (BCPOS) – update on working with school group(s):
 - “Donating our frozen bullfrogs to St. Vrain Valley schools for classroom work. If you’d like, I’ll take whole frozen adult frogs (not shot) and donate those. ...Tadpoles too!”
- B. Wright (CPW) – Were these questions answered?
 - “Data request
 - query all substantiated northern leopard frog occurrences front range wide (Larimer, Boulder, Denver, Jefferson, Douglas, Arapahoe, Adams)
 - fields to include in the query: UTM's, date, county, associated water body (if available), observer, data source (i.e. SciColl Permit, Citizen Science, CPW), life stages present (if available), other amphibians present (if available). **Is there anything I am missing here that we should be asking for?** ...recognizing that there will be a wide range of additional information available for each data point
 - Do we want to do a separate query for American Bullfrog or is the data that Lauren Livo compiled (assume someone has a shape file for that?) sufficient?”

Meeting Objectives:

1. **3:15pm** - CPW Wetlands Grant – CPW staff
<https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/WetlandsProjectFunding.aspx>
 - a. General overview of grant and process
 - b. CPW Project Sponsor - B. Wright?
 - c. Potential projects of interest to CPW and cooperating agencies/ partners
 - d. Most recent awards list (2017):
<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Maps/2017WetlandsGrantAwards.pdf>
2. **3:30pm** - eDNA follow-up (*see notes attached*) – B. Wright (CPW)/ M. Kobza (BCPOS)
3. **3:45pm** - Song Meter Protocol – C. Beebe/ A. Dubois (JCOS)
 - a. Overview of protocol used
 - b. Is it working? – Pros/ Cons
 - c. Relate to FrogWatchUSA data and volunteer management – Pros/ Cons
4. **3:50pm** - Partner Updates and Questions
 - a. In general, what is your agency planning for 2019?
 - b. Is there something this group (or another agency) could help you with?