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WNS workshop in Pittsburgh - Pat O. highlights: people looking at testing caves sediments and surfaces are not finding *G. destructans* in the environment. Decontamination testing that is going on might mean that (Hazel Barton lead) capture surveys are more likely to perpetuate transmission than cavers. In a lab environment there is a substance that they have found kills another *Geomyces* species. The testing is not complete and they will not release name of substance until the testing is complete. Lots of surveillance and contingency plans being well-developed in eastern and some movement towards a national plan.

Decon protocol WBWG some states are refusing to implement protocol. It is way less than perfect to implement. Without a solid protocol we maybe should not be netting. Pat has already been altering protocol that we put out through WBWG. We are just practicing but it is worth practicing because it is really, really challenging. Same problems are being experienced in the east. It is change it is hard it is an imposition but it the cost of doing business. Think about what frogs and toad researchers would have given to have started decon around the world before chytrid got their area? USFWS talking about suspending all harp trapping in east and only doing acoustics.

Diane Probasco working on signs almost a product.

Action plan-Toni has worked on editing but it is still a long way from being a working document. Toni and Pat will work to continue to flesh it out and then bring back to committee and then approval by WBWG BOD. Toni and Pat will have something more for the next WNS call.

Surveillance and monitoring document for WNS is being developed, Eric Britzke is involved.

Oregon DFW will put out press release to be asking for publics help to identify bat mortalities. Trying to develop regional strategy to deal with WNS in a western region. Pat will distribute press release when it comes out if other western states want to use it in some way.

Next meeting: Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 9am PST.