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- 1. Roll call (if time allows – may want to focus on entities represented)**
- 2. Presentation:** The Great Lakes *Phragmites* Collaborative: Regional Coordination, Adaptive Management, and New Treatments for an Invasive Grass. Dr. Kurt Kowalski, USGS
Bio: Dr. Kurt Kowalski is a research wetland ecologist at the U.S. Geological Survey Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor, MI. Dr. Kowalski studies Great Lakes Coastal wetland habitats and invasive species, specifically the non-native *Phragmites australis* (common reed). He has extensive involvement in the application of research results into practice (e.g., development of novel adaptive management approaches) and works closely with managers to apply site specific results at national scales.
Presentation Overview: Managing the invasive non-native *Phragmites australis* (common reed) is a high priority for resource management agencies throughout the nation. The U.S. Geological Survey, Great Lakes Commission, and many other partners are developing online resources, an adaptive management program, and innovative new treatments targeting microbial associations and genetic mechanisms of invasion to support managers wrestling with this aggressive invasive species. We will highlight collaborative programs and ongoing research into these management challenges.
- 3. Update about the biocontrol challenges associated with their work on Chinese tallow:** Greg Wheeler, ARS, Ft. Lauderdale
- 4. Invasive species organizations updates/round-robin**
- 5. Next Quarterly Meeting Date** January 27, 2022 – presentation, USGS Fort Collins Science Center, USGS Tools for Invasive Species Management - Quarterly meetings held Thursday following the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October

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