

## IABS Conference Call

### Notes

Date and Time

November 6, 2024

Time: 1100-1200 PST

### IABS

<b>Cadre (Agency/Name):</b>	<small>check</small>	<b>Cadre (Agency/Name)</b>	<small>check</small>	<b>Cadre (Agency/Name)</b>	<small>check</small>
BLM – Angie Forbes	X	USFS – Jared Bohrman		USFS- Justin Bohannon	
BLM- Melissa Fry	X	NASF – Josh Agustin	X	USFS- Cindy Matthews	X
USFS – Annie Johnson	X				

### Associate Members (AM) & Unit Chairs (UC)

<b>Cadre (Agency/Name):</b>	<small>check</small>	<b>Cadre (Agency/Name)</b>	<small>check</small>	<b>Cadre (Agency/Name)</b>	<small>check</small>
USFS – Leslie Casavan (AM)		BLM – Kristina Curtis (AM)			
BLM – Jake Lloyd (UC)	X	USFS- James Snell (UC)		BLM – Mary Loan (UC)	X
BLM – Courtney Christensen (UC)		USFS – Kelly Mathis (UC)	X		

A new subcommittee has been created and approved by NIAC. It is called the Interagency Airtanker and Scooper Operations Subcommittee (IASOS). The Interagency Airtanker Base Subcommittee will become the Airtanker Base Operations Unit and work under the IASOS. The former IABS Units will remain the same, but their names will be adjusted from ‘units’ to ‘working groups’. The other Units under the IASOS are the Airtanker Operations Unit, the Water Scooper Operations Unit, and the NAFA Unit/Steering Committee. The NWCG website will be updated to reflect the changes in the future.

The SOPs/Charter for the IABS (soon to be the ABOU) have been updated and signed. These will be added to the IABS website.

The IABS is working on updating the Q&A on the IABS website with new questions. The Q&A information will be taken from the questions that were asked during the National Airtanker Base Manager workshop in Tucson earlier this year.

NWCG is requesting volunteers to be Subject Matter Experts for the NWCP Incident Performance and Training Modernization (IPTM) process. This is designed to ‘modernize wildland fire incident position management through the development of a performance-based training system’. Volunteers may submit their interest here: [Incident Performance and Training Modernization \(IPTM\) | NWCG](#)  
The deadline for submitting interest is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The IABS members, Associate Members, and Unit Chairs will meet for the annual in-person meeting the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

- **NWCG Airtanker Base Application Unit**
  - The Airtanker Base Application Unit has been working on updates to the NWCG Airtanker Base Directory.
  - The Unit is working to identify a person who will primarily focus on FLIGHT.
  - The Unit is trying to determine if a ForeFlight layer can be added.
  
- **Standards for Airtanker Base Operations Unit (SABO)**
  - Regular reminders for providing comments are being sent out to the airtanker pdl.
  - The deadline for comments for 2025 will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
  - New updates have been identified as a result of recent Quality Assurance visits.
  - The Unit will be meeting after the comment period has concluded and work on edits and updates for the 2025 version.
  
- **Airtanker Base Training and Qualifications Unit (ABTQU)**
  - The Unit is continuing to work on a NWCG FWPT class and is getting closer to completion.
  - The National Airtanker Base/ SEAT Manager Workshop is available on-demand in the Wildland Fire Learning Portal.
  
- **Airtanker Base Operational Risk Management Unit (ABORMU)**
  - The Unit is working on a variety of checklists for airtanker bases to use as a part of SMS.
  - The Unit will be working on 6MFS suggestions.
  - The daily GAR will be updated with the goal of completion in early 2025.
  
- **SEAT Unit**
  - The Unit may work on a 'cheat sheet' regarding the new contract.
  - The Unit is also working on updates to the SEAT Manager class. Although the actual class is not scheduled to be re-done, the group is ensuring that the material that is covered is relevant to changes that have occurred since the class was created.
  
- **IABS Unit Recruitment**
  - Any volunteers for any of the units should be submitted to your agency IABS representative or through the QR code.