

Oregon Invasive Species Council
February 26, 2015

OISC Meeting 2/26/2015

In attendance [* via phone]

Wyatt Williams ODF
Helmuth Rogg ODA
Glenn Dolphin OSMB
Quintin Bauer SOLV
John Browning Weyerhaeuser
Sam Chan OSG
Jim Seeley Wild Rivers Coast Alliance
Rian Hooff ODEQ
Dan Sherwin Deschutes County
Kevin Palank
Rick Boatner ODFW
Jas Adams
Mark Systema PSU
Robyn Draheim USFWS
Mark Hitchcox*USDA APHIS

Kayla Martin OSG
Thea Hayes*
Keith Brown *NW Youth Corps
Leslie Shaffer ODA
Lisa DeBruckere*PSFMC
Robin Rosetta OSU
Tania Siemens * OSU
Heath Kierstead*

Introduction for new members

[Wyatt]

Council activities and products; how the OISC helps agencies -> ask “how can the OISC help Oregonians?”

[Mission Statement]

OISC News and Top Priorities

New members

New Coordinator contract

Budget, bills, bylaws

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OISC products for our stakeholders

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes [Mark S., Rian, approved] with noted correction to per diem language by Leslie

Legislative Committee update [handouts]

SB 24, 201, 203: Consolidation of Nat Res Agencies --- biennial proposal, unlikely to move forward, no role for OISC

SB 209: adds OISC Coordinator as 18th member of OISC, obligates OISC to hire a coordinator (removes "pending funding availability", intent is to raise the profile of the OISC, increases total allocation to \$149k per biennium

SB 261 increases BW mgmt. fee from \$70 to \$88

SB 476 exempts local government from requirement to obtain AIS permit, Glenn: told it won't receive hearing (because exemption is already in the rules), may not longer be on committee agenda

HB 2183 Arundo Bill – file bond with OISC – bond already with ODA (and Arundo in ODA's OARs), ODA will testify that the role already exists within ODA [additional handout from Helmuth Rogg],

HB 2207 – more technical provision for ballast water management, directs penalties to be redistributed to OISC Control Account, tentatively scheduled for a hearing on March 12th,

ACTION ITEM – WYATT WILL PURSUIT PERMISSION FOR OISC TO SUPPORT BILL

HB2511 – change AIS permit from mandatory to voluntary, Glenn: bill dropped, will not receive a hearing

HB2519 – broad clause to provide nonlethal options for land owners vs wildlife

Senate Joint Memorial 9 to Congress– appropriate funds in West (WRDA bill) for boat inspection stations (PNWER driven participation), similar statement in WA has passed out of senate, and a WGA resolution drafted for submission

Legislative Bill Tracking H/O suggestions to revise columns for clarity on OISC vs Governor's Office positions, priorities

ACTION ITEM – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL CLARIFY HEADINGS ON HANDOUT

Council Business – Budget Update [handout]

Roberta Laux ODA

Glenn – add 13k for Tunicate Project to committed expenditures from Control Account

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ACTION ITEM – ASK ROBERTA TO SPEND OUT LOTTERY FUNDS, DIRECT CHAIR OF BUDGET COMMITTEE TO SEND AN EMAIL

Motion [Rian, Rick, approved]

Council Business – Coordinator Contract [handout]

Helmuth Rogg ODA

Open in ORPIN closes March 20. Contract changes compensation from hourly to salary, travel to be approved in addition to salary. Working on developing a cost of coordinator document and will include in minutes. Contract will end June 30th without approval of new budget from SB209. OISC coordinator savings to ODA, the rationale for ODA lottery fund repositioning.

[Private Forest Division Chief statement (Peter)]

All questions should be channeled through contracting officer at ODA. Questions about job, but not about contract sent to Wyatt.

Member Updates

[all]

Wyatt – expanding an early detection network using arborists and foresters, esp. for EAB, increased trapping efforts, looking at increasing quarantines for SOD

Helmuth – ODA in budget hearings this week [handout] AGM; funding from USDA APHIS and state funding, Japanese beetle (state); monitor fruit/crop pests (esp. for export markets), target list gets longer every year; exotic wood borer Regional Identification Center (surveys, identification), national bark beetle workshop; native bee/honey bee surveys; flowering rush control with ACE; released 16 species of biological control species

Glenn – ODFW and OSMB annual report completed, on website; online AIS prevention permit purchasing system up and running; ABYC AIS Summit;

Quintin – opportunities with SOLV events to connect with ed/out committee

John – SOD concerns, may host an open stakeholders meeting for the OSD Advisory group

Sam – ABYC update; striped breakfish/knifejaw found off of Port Orford – JMTD association, ODFW is leading push for surveys and outreach to urchin divers, crabbers/fishermen; HR philosophical discussion on transport; SG developing outreach materials;

Jim – gorse: no economic benefit solutions (yet) to increase harvest/removal, GAG: gorse action group, presenting to Regional Solutions Team, mapping almost done, hope to raise profile – occupies less than 1% of potential habitat

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Rian – Ballast water program back to 1.5 FTE, able to meet vessel compliance and inspection targets (15%) now; seeing start of shift to onboard BW treatment technologies; federal legislation introduced to preempt state/local regulations may cap OR's ability to pursue their program

Dan – Extension service and agriculture research folks starting to increase talks with landowners about sage grouse

Kevin – guppy sales down ☺

Rick – AIS program about to open check stations on 84 and I5, remainder open in May; rule changes in the works, including cannot rehab invasive species; influx of hatchling turtles: 4 AIS species; feral swine are quiet, need to expand search area

Jas –

Mark S. – BLM study is finishing up (33 lakes surveyed over 2 yrs, 14 lakes w radix, 2 lakes CMS, rusty crayfish in 1 lake, weeds) under review by BLM; mussel mitigation cont. with BPA funding; BPA larval distribution modelling; mussel veliger lab cont. no new finds; ODA weed board grant, WAISN

Robyn – USFWS and PSU intern updates

OISC Review

Report for summer mtg.

OISC By-Laws

Status of SB209 may clarify changes to by-laws

By-laws vs rules (esp. since OISC is to be considered a state agency, doesn't need by-laws), meeting operating procedures (abolish by-laws).

ACTION ITEM: JULY CONVERT BY-LAWS TO INTERNAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVES

Bylaws committee and Jas Adams , wait for SB209

OISC Education and Outreach Committee

[Sam, Tania, Heath]

No E&O guidance for the OISC, Sam suggests that the OISC needs a strategic work plan that includes E&O

Discussion Topics/Projects

- Toolkit for policy makers/legislators – stories ** will need vetting by Governor's Office
 - Share local/human interest stories
 - 10 regions, looking for 2 stories per region
 - February 2016
 - In interim, face-to-face with legislators
- Statewide media contest – high schools – “don't let it loose” (based on key messaging)

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- Coos Bay OISC mtg., feedback from representatives: increase youth opportunities in invasive species issues/awareness
- Comment – do HS students even understand “invasive” let alone feel passionate about them?

ACTION ITEM – E&E COMMITTEE TO DECIDE ON DEADLINE EXTENSION (EARTH DAY), THEN ASK OISC MEMBERS REACH OUT TO CONTACTS TO PROMOTE MEDIA CONTEST

[Quintin, Keith, etc. to help with their distribution lists]

- Key messaging, directed media campaign, strategic planning
- OISC hotline
- Small Things Matter

Advisory Committee Update

Voluntary

Charter

31 people on membership list

Meet 1x year minimum

Want to increase participation and groups represented

- Give them tasks to do/report on
- Formalize meetings (increase #, listening sessions)
- Use Advisory Committee to review OISC review report

Tunicate Subcommittee

Glenn

Tunicate committee met in Charleston in February, talk through the project and survey results, increase at marina monitoring and increase triangle site efforts. Richard Emmlet will be deploying more substrates in boat basin. (Outreach of educational materials with marina mailing in May).

OISC \$13k + OSMB \$10k to action plan (paid \$5700 to USFS divers)

Look into hydrometer data from OIMB at Boat House [Rian Hoff]

OISC Hotline

[Lindsey Wise, Wyatt]

Brief history of the hotline – launched 2008, facilitate reporting, collaboration with OPBs Silent Invasion production, hotline moved from OPB to PSU/iMapInvasives in 2011, hotline currently working but unfunded, Lindsey Wise manages.

Reports – 45 reports in last 6 mos, 28 confirmed, 18 follow up actions

Action Item: Leslie will begin inputting invasive species hotline calls that she receives into the website on -line invader form.

- Report Card

Discussed the purpose of the report card. Used for outreach awareness efforts.

Committee feels that (New, Established and Eradicated) should be shown on report card.

Add column to the right of the report card.

Discussed how the grading can be improved (more stable funding, possibly combining information).

Action Item – Wyatt requested that each agency update their respective areas within the next 30 days and submit the completed information back to him so that a draft Report Card can be completed and circulated. Wyatt would like to have the report card done at the end of March.

- INR Review

Discussed INR Review strategies. Interviews completed. Documents from other invasive species groups (Washington, Hawaii, Idaho and California) have been reviewed. Discussed utilizing survey monkey as a tool to survey internal and current members. Talk to partners such as OWEB, ODOT, State Parks.

- Top 100 List – Discussed updates.

Atlantic Salmon off the list.

Golden Shiners are well established in the Willamette valley.

Snapping turtles are well established in the Willamette valley.

Mute Swans are expanding their range. They began as a wild population and are now outside of the city limits.

Action item – Each state agency needs to consider the items on the list that are applicable to them and rank their species. Wyatt requests that updates to the list be given to him by the end of March.

Council agreed that in the future a Top 25 list should be established. There should be differentiation between “Established and Keeping Out”. Looking at the list from a different angle such as what is important and do we have the funding to eradicate a species.

- Next Council Meeting

Wyatt discussed the next Council Meeting to occur in Grants Pass with a field trip to Medford.

Meeting will be held beginning June 29th and 30th with a field trip on July 1.

Details will be sent by Wyatt when arrangements have been finalized.

- Meeting Adjourned

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