

OISC Business Meeting 12-10-2014

In attendance:

Council Members:

Glenn Dolphin - OSMB

Dom Maze – City of Portland

Rick Boatner - ODFW

Sam Chan - OSG

Mark Hitchcox – USDA APHIS

Rian Hoof - ODEQ

Mark Sytsma - PSU

Shawna Batista – USFS

Vern Holm – Western Invasives Network

Helmuth Rogg – ODA

Wyatt Williams – ODF

Dan Sherwin – High Valley Enterprises

Others:

Eri – OSG

Kayla – OSG

Roberta Laux - ODA

Leslie Shaffer - ODA

Robyn Draheim – USFWS/PSU

Rick Zenn – World Forestry Center

WaiWai - World Forestry Center

GoToMeeting:

Sarah Callaghan - USFS

Approve Minutes:

Motion: to approve minutes from October 10th, 2014 OISC meeting: Vern, Rick 2nd, Aye - all

Budget update:

Roberta Laux – ODA

This is the second presentation using the new budgeting format. Overall folks are pleased with this style. Seeing the changes to the budget from meeting to meeting is valuable

Issues: Ensure that there are enough funds to pay for the new coordinator. Lottery funds need to be spent out, others can be rolled over.

2015 Governor's budget ask from ODA – moved from lottery funds to general funds

Investments in the Governor's Budget for Natural Resources include providing resources to advance Agricultural Water Quality, funding for the Oregon Invasive Species Council, and investments in SageCon Invasive Species to control the introduction of noxious weeds, including grasses, into priority habitat for sage grouse.

Coordinator Contract:

Helmuth Rogg ODA

Contract language available for review, announcement out at the end of the week. 30 day opening period, ~\$50 available until the end of the fiscal year. Returning to salaried based language of no more than \$6250 per month. New SOW available that the OISC worked on and approved. New language includes the ability to cancel the contract at any time.

RFP has 3 year limit, renewals based on funding availability.

Mark

- Would like to look at language from Lisa's contract, discussing minimum FTE/hours,
- Clarify - Is coordinator travel and expenses included within, major travel should be approved separately by OISC and paid separately.

Helmuth: Appointed member of the council not entitled to funds for travel, but at the discretion of the president (chair) they may be reimbursed (ORS XXX)

Rian – approve each reimbursement request on a one by one basis for the paper trail

Leslie – still have to follow ODA per diem requirements

Motion – Council allocates authority to the chair to approve reimbursements

Rian – I move that travel compensation costs are to be approved by the council chair for appointed

members and coordinator and that these changes be incorporated into the council by-laws (Wyatt 2nd)
(Aye – all)

SOW edits made by the council to clarify and streamline

Council Review Update

Robyn Draheim - PSU

Contract has been signed by ODA, on the way to OSU/INR, working with Lisa Gaines and Rob Fiegenger. Lisa, Rob and Robyn will sit down and discuss plan of action based on the draft evaluation strategy already drafted.

ODA/State asked the OISC to remove any “legislative recommendations” from the project description

Final report due Feb 15th

New Member Selection

Mark Sytsma - PSU

Press release sent out and distributed to all OISC lists, and ODA sent out press release

Available seats – members seeking term renewal or ending maximum term

- Todd Thompson BLM – no longer interested
- Thea Hayes – no longer interested (but will stay with Ed/out)
- Dana Green - ?
- Vern Holm – finished two terms, seat is open

Wyatt – CA Invasive Species Council: a small group of ex officio (directors), what is functionally an advisory committee does all the work and passes along recommendations.

Member updates

Glenn Dolphin – OSMB: Reports being updated with ODFW; year-end evaluations on LE program; processing payments for summer inspection programs; budget for next biennium: has to cut \$300k therefore no money available in 2015/17 for mussel sampling or special research projects.

Dominic Maze – City of Portland: – PSU class worked on native and invasive impatiens factsheet; BMP calendar; white paper on effects of plant communities on hydrology (coniferous riparian areas) available

soon; potential increase in funding for FY16; City has new contract with PSU herbarium; partnering with metro/OSU extension for new IMP website/clearing house.

Rick Boatner - ODFW: 11,412 inspections: most plants, 16 mussel interceptions (11 dead on previously inspected and sealed boats, 4 standing water from high risk water body, 1 blue mussel); working with ODOT for new station HWY 95 (Basque); feral pig season is open but low numbers (14); ODFW is revamping OR Conservation Strategy; also reviewing wildlife control operators rules and regs;

Sam Chan OSG— Building Consensus: uniform protocols for inspection and decontamination (moving to reciprocity and trust) -> model law from Sea Grant Law Center reciprocity remains the stumbling block; working with Kelsey Giano on an app of BMPS for pesticides in watershed restoration and NOAA trust resources -> app “Beyond the Label” still in Beta stage hoping to complete in 1 month; new version of tunicate ID guide; Menace to the West – finalized by January 30th and available by March 2015

Dan Sherwin – great interagency invasive plant conference

Mark Hitchcox USDA - Currently no permanent State Plant Health Director (SPHD). New SPHD position will be announced in the new year.; pest surveys – banner year for detecting Asian gypsy moth (Russia, China, Japan, S Korea) 17 interceptions in Columbia River area, biggest concern is cargo transport esp. steel cargo that came in on several ships.

Rian Hoof DEQ – DEQ has a legislative concept for a fee increase for the ballast water program and general fund increase (moving forward in gov budget); Vigor dry dock with contaminated ballast update – explored alternative treatment standards – ended up treating with high dose of chlorine and pumped to shore based treatment, the plankton analysis showed a suite of shrimp and zooplankton not present in the Columbia River and included known invaders ->success story, risk averted;

Mark Sytsma - PSU – PNWER Invasive Species Work Group - regional strategy for preventing introduction of dreissenid mussels; flowering rush in Columbia River: ODA run meeting with federal agencies but plants died back before the Army Corps of Engineers could cover/tarp and so will do diver suctioning in spring.

Shawna Batista – USFS: – It is clear from Butomus (flowering rush) meeting that the mechanics of conducting rapid response are not in place, the on the ground folks couldn’t grasp what they knew they could and couldn’t do, there is a lot of work to be done to get everyone on the same page; good year for USFS invasive plant treatments; Doug Doust retiring, new director; funding may be an issue in 2016

Vern Holm – Western Invasives Network - new subcommittee: Willamette Aquatics Invasive Network - work on Ludwigia, currently developing a strategic plan for ludwigia; statewide network of CWMA's is being revitalized hoping to use for early detection.

Wyatt Williams - ODF(Handout) – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): Oregon Ash could go extinct with EAB, no detections but big grants in the works for forest pest detectors and wants to craft an EAB readiness team; region-wide survey for scotch broom biological control; SODs is spreading, very costly program,

lack of funding of landowner participation; USFS required weed washing before and after fire but not at ODF (staff with prison camp labor);

Helmuth Rogg– ODA Farm Bill: tentative spending plan out soon, Jan/Feb before they expect to hear anything; insect annual report coming; Japanese Beetle being eradicated in spots but still present; Christmas trees in HI: They have been inspecting OR trees for the past 3 years – this year there was a big decrease contamination, trees didn't go into dormancy prior to shipment, ODA also looked for threatened native HI bug that may be at risk for introduction of BMSB egg parasitoid that is proposed; HI is doing biocontrol for fireweed with a moth (concern for airplane transit back to OR

Bylaws Update –

Helmuth Rogg ODA

Questions for the DOJ: bylaws vs ORS

Voting rights (ORS5770) only 7 ex officios thus bylaws in contradiction with ORS

Membership – 9 vs 10

Terms of office

Committee – can only establish advisory and technical committees – define “technical” committee,

Voting – clarify ex officio voting rights differences between bylaws and rules, in practice ex officio and appointing members vote on all issues except appointment of new members

Action Item: rising vice-chair (Sam Chan) will investigate issues: 1. bylaws are not in accordance with statute, 2. Language around committee formation

Rian –suggestion that Sam look at difference between original and updated statute language to see intent of inserting “voting” language with reference to ex-officio members

Education/Outreach Committee: Media Contest, Leg. Toolbox

Sam Chan

Don't Pack a Pest: Prompted by success of Farm Bill funded “Don't Move Firewood” in part because it was evaluated (best points of contact were at online reservation website and at campsites). “ An Evaluative Strategic Approach to Don't Pack a Pest Campaign with an International Student Element”

<http://www.dontpackapest.com>

Proposal to evaluate existing program for gaps and tweaks to improve; targets = travelers, airline/airport personnel/carriers, coordination

Media Contest: messaging and design campaign for high school students, in the outreach and recruitment phase now, need mechanism for teachers to upload their contest entries, recognition event and products available for use

Legislative Toolbox: Reference for elected officials to learn about invasive species issues

Action Item: Need more story ideas - send to Heath

Ed/out and OISC need to decide what we want the legislators to do next, final design package, Asks: supporting agency budgets, funding for county weed boards, full funding for OISC, ways to make invasive species coordination across the state easier (e.g. rule that all agencies required to use weed free forage).

Brainstorming: Need story about prevention - reducing toxics (reduce need for chemical treatment), ex. Spartina EDRR done w/o chemicals, Tie to water quality and sage grouse (cheat grass?), Messaging? Thanks for the funding to date, here's all the other things we could be doing... , can we design a toolkit for agency directors?

Tunicate Committee –

Glenn

Bruce Hanson – Fall sampling effort - \$ from OISC emergency fund

Charleston Marina/Umpqua Triangle

Didemnum vexillum (Dvex) the invasive tunicate was discovered in both areas in 2010, it is an aggressive fouling colonial tunicate

Charleston – Sept , 2010 genetic sampling in tunicate surveys

October 2014 – 2 3-day dive events, complete survey, only found 4 minor occurrences, all in old survey sites, some salinity data available, not from boat basin but south slough (3 of 4 sites can be hand removal, and 1 site would take 5 minutes of diver action).

Umpqua – 2010 South Jetty and oyster operations (anchor lines)

need to survey river side but need right weather

inside triangle – survey anchor lines – no sig./variable but potential increase in % cover (but no repeat of 2012 fall spike in fall) overlay negative Mean Low Low water and that explains much of the distribution of Dvex in oyster areas.

Next steps for project – get the committee back together in January and work on recommended next steps for action: control in Charleston, suction dredge in triangle

Oyster wash into the Umpqua, ODEQ permits to be updated in winter, Glenn's contacts were favorable, need to follow up and reconnect.

Action Item: Glenn Dolphins moves to eradicate 4 existing occurrences in Charleston this fall while tunicates not reproducing,

Legislative Committee

Members: if you have legislative proposals let the Chair know and they can call for the non agency OISC members and advisory committee members to voice support...

Rian – BW /ODEQ pkg

Glenn – planning 2017 fee increase

Presentations:

Economic Assessment of Weeds

Tim Butler

ODA did a major economic, geospatial and biological analysis and review of weeds

Selected 25 worst weeds (of ~118); annual loss \$83.5 M, if left unchecked \$ 1.8 B

Biological control and prevention programs have a high \$ return on investment

Ex: biological control on tansy ragwort has a \$13 return per \$1 and prevention a 34/1 ratio

Readiness Planning for Invasive Wood-boring Insects

Wyatt Williams

EAB – huge economic and ecological harm to state

Costs calculations ~250 for removal and ~350 for replacement

Training modules for Forest Pest Detectors (arborists, foresters) Farm Bill funding. The first targets will be EAB and ALB. What happens is EAB gets to the West Coast? APHIS will not fund eradication efforts

No state/federal/municipality plans for eradication.

Next steps – management plan, emergency funding, use OISC to help bring experts together

Japanese Tsunami Update

Sam Chan

4-11-2011

Prediction 3-4 years of debris sightings on west coast

Unexpected results: some debris that were terrestrial in origin picked up estuarine/coastal organisms after the tsunami, some pick up hitchhikers along the way (ex. the striped beakfish were younger than the elapsed time since tsunami so had to be picked up en route past Hawaii), to survive these coastal organisms slowed their growth/metabolic need, or loitered over continental shelf in large gyres and then had a faster transport across the Pacific.

Predicted cluster of debris getting closer to the west coast, believes that we will see increase in debris this winter.

Regional Mussel Work

Lisa

“Building Consensus for a Regional Framework for Dreissenids”

Many groups working on dreissenid issues to prevent mussel introductions, multi-jurisdictional effort, including Canadian provinces, regional framework to be completed in May

<http://www.westernais.org>

rapid response plans; Columbia River Basin vulnerability assessments; vector analyses; economic analyses; working toward draft biological opinion;

Discussion/Public Comment:

none