

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Meeting Minutes

July 7-8, 2010
Bend, Oregon

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ACTION AND DECISION ITEMS HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN

Agenda Item #1 – Stop The Invasion Event

Vern Holm of the Northwest Weed Management Partnership represented an OISC subcommittee consisting of Nancy Willmes, Steve Buttrick, and Lisa DeBruyckere, to present a concept for and receive feedback on an outreach and engagement event with the public in the fall of 2011. The discussion centered on:

- Featuring regionally important species for the public to report on by posting information about each species on a central website – be specific about the goals for each species (e.g., for species, such as nutria, the goal may simply be a distribution map; for other species, it might be early detection for follow-up verification and eradication).
- Consider hitchhiking on the fall OWEB event in Bend.
- Consider a tiered process, whereby the public is given a handful of easily identifiable species to report on, while CWMAs, SWCDs, and others with experienced staff, are given species that may be more difficult to identify or might require additional follow-up after the event
- Consider developing “substories” to promote the event (e.g., making paper out of Japanese knotweed)
- Ask OPB to rerun The Silent Invasion and Oregon Field Guide segments on invasives
- Consider asking for nominations for the regional species lists
- Engage the OISC education and outreach subcommittee for this event
- Consider promoting one species from GardenSmart Oregon for each region
- Consider two phases for the event – initial outreach and awareness, and then follow-up to demonstrate forward progress in species control and eradication
- Consider naming the event, Spot the Invasion
- Consider tunicates as a possible highlighted species during the event

- The subcommittee will send draft regional species lists to the Council for consideration between now and the fall OISC meeting.
- The OISC subcommittee will report back to the full Council at the fall meeting

Agenda Item #2 – Tunicates (see appendix a for slide presentation)

After a presentation on tunicates by Rick Boatner (ODFW) and Sam Chan (Council Chair), the Council reaffirmed their \$11,500 initial commitment to the tunicate project (\$10,000 for surveys, \$1,500 to support volunteer divers). In addition, the Council noted the need for an initial rapid assessment to provide baseline information, followed by delimiting surveys, and then a marine invertebrate management plan. It was suggested that the Council needs a committee working on the tunicate issue.

Agenda Item #3 – Council Roundtable (see appendix b)

Council members provided updates on invasive species-related activities by their organization since the last meeting.

Lisa will obtain contact information from Rosemary Mannix on the ethicist that has been assisting federal and state agencies with barred owl issues in the Pacific Northwest. Paul Heimowitz (advisory committee member) will assist in making connections with this individual, who could ultimately present at a future OISC meeting or the upcoming November 2010 summit.

Lisa will work with Robyn Draheim to extract the highest priority elements of the Aquatic Invasive Species Action Plan and incorporate those elements into the strategic plan this fall.

Advisory Committee updates: Vern Holm (NWMP) provided background information on the scope and scale of his organization; Stephen Phillips (PSMFC) talked about the importance of the 100th Meridian legislation (would provide loans to states for invasive species activities) and how the Gulf oil spill may delay its adoption; Paul Heimowitz (USFWS) mentioned that more funding may be available to Oregon for the Quagga/Zebra mussel action plan, and that Asian carp funds may become available for early detection work.

Agenda Item #4 – Atlantic salmon (see appendix c)

Brett Hodgson (ODFW) gave a presentation on this history and policy background for propagating and stocking Atlantic salmon in Hosmer and East Lakes in the Cascades. Jim Myron (retired lobbyist working with the Native Fish Society) contributed to the discussion by informing the Council of his organization's request to ODFW to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of their fish stocking programs. Council members asked numerous questions, such as "Is there an angler education program at these 2 lakes that encourages people to not move fish?", "Do you have a plan if the fish do get moved to another lake?", "If these fish were transferred to another water body, is there a plan that states these fish will be removed versus ODFW offering additional angling opportunities for this species?", "Is there a risk assessment for landlocked Atlantic salmon in Oregon?", and "Is there a conflict between the Oregon Conservation Strategy and ODFW's existing hatchery policies?"

Sam Chan and Lisa will work with Peter Bisson of the Pacific Northwest Research Station to request that he complete a risk assessment for landlocked Atlantic salmon in Oregon water bodies. This assessment would complement the assessment he completed in 2006,

“Assessment of the risk of invasion of national forest streams in the Pacific Northwest by farmed Atlantic salmon,” in which he described low to moderate to high risks of escaped Atlantic salmon in freshwater ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest (including escapes from hatcheries).

There was discussion that the Council does not have an adequate process to list species that are not desired in some parts of the state (versus the entire state). Lisa will draft a process to address this concern and distribute to Council members for their input and recommendations.

In the short term, Lisa will draft language to add to Atlantic salmon on the 100 Worst List that clarifies that this species was originally added to the list to protect Northwest coastal streams from farm-raised Atlantic salmon on the coast.

Agenda Item #5 – Ballast water task force recommendations (see appendix d) (<http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/emergency/staistaskforce.htm>)

Rian Hooff (DEQ) updated the Council on the recently adopted ballast water task force recommendations.

Agenda Item #6 – Orange hawkweed and purple starthistle in central Oregon (see appendix e)

Dave Langland (ODA) gave a short presentation on orange hawkweed and starthistle in Central Oregon. He noted that there was one site of orange hawkweed in Central Oregon in 2005, but a subsequent article in the Bend Bulletin on the plant resulted in 15 confirmed new sightings. ODA found three local nurseries that were selling the plant as orange aster – it was originally sold for bank stabilization. In 2009, 50 additional sites were confirmed. Dave described his and others efforts to work with landowners on identification and eradication.

Agenda Item #7 – Budget, fundraising updates (see appendix f)

Lisa DeBruyckere (OISC) provided updates on the OISC budget and status of fundraising projects:

- The OISC hotline has processed 559 reports of suspected invasive species since its inception.
- GardenSmart Oregon will be reprinted in July of 2010 (\$21,000 was raised for the reprint).
- Lisa provided updates on the invasive species blog, firewood legislation and PDX exhibits, and State Street geese in Salem.
- Budget updates:
 - The OISC budget has \$16,235 remaining (includes the \$10,000 USFS contribution) for the biennium.
 - There’s \$83,561 remaining in the OISC coordinator position account.
 - There’s \$347,311 in the Invasive Species Control Account.

<i>GardenSmart Oregon</i>	\$5,000		Oregon Dept. Agriculture
	\$5,000		Bureau of Land Management
	\$10,000		City of Portland BES
	\$100		Wallowa Resources
	\$1,000		Oregon Sea Grant
	\$1,500		Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District
	\$500		Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation District
	\$23,100		
Firewood Outreach Campaign	\$175,000		Includes \$175,000 for Oregon (includes \$25,000 for OISC Coordinator), \$144,000 for Washington, and \$144,000 for Idaho - USDA-APHIS
	\$175,000		
OISC Coordinator	\$8,000		USDA-Forest Service
	\$15,000		BLM
	\$23,000		
iMapInvasives	\$8,000		BLM
	\$7,500		TNC
	\$4,000		Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District
	\$10,000		East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
	\$2,000		Oregon Marine Board
	\$8,000		Metro
	\$3,500		West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
	\$1,500		Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District
	\$44,500		
Council Operations	\$10,000		USDA Forest Service
	\$10,000		
TOTAL	\$275,600		

Before the meeting concluded, the US Forest Service donated the remaining \$12,500 needed to

launch iMapInvasives.

Agenda Item #8 – 2011 Legislative session

Lisa DeBruyckere (OISC) provided an update regarding discussions with legislators Brian Clem and Arnie Roblan, and the Council engaged in a discussion of potential legislation for the 2011 session. Potential legislation includes firewood, ballast water, Invasive Species Control Account ask, a request to renew AIS, a review of boat stopping authority to determine potential for legality without changing the Oregon Constitution (it was suggested that Susan Roberts would be a helpful lead on this), and base funding for county weed programs. It was suggested that those working on the county weed programs talk with Bill Hansell and the President of AOC – Lisa will follow up on this.

Agenda Item #9 – Statewide strategic plan for Oregon (discussion delayed)

Agenda Item #10 – Field Trip

The Council visited the Peter Skene Ogden rest area on US 97 to witness boat inspection activity and watch the process for boat decontamination.

Agenda Item #11 – Firewood outreach campaign update (appendices f and g)

Lisa DeBruyckere (OISC) provided an update on the firewood outreach campaign that officially launches July 15. Damon Rundberg with OSU gave a presentation on his portion of the firewood outreach campaign – pre-and post-awareness surveys of residents from Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Agenda Item #12 – Yellowflag iris in Central Oregon; a Management Concern

Dan Sherwin (Vegetation Manager of Deschutes County) gave a presentation on management of yellowflag iris in Central Oregon. He noted that education of landowners is critical to program success, as 80% of Bend County is public lands. He shared the Deschutes County Rural Living Handbook, a project he worked on with numerous partners, as an example of an effective outreach tool to people moving into the county.

Agenda Item #13 – Update on new aquatic invasive species permit program (appendix h)

Glenn Dolphin (Marine Board) gave an update on the success and challenges of Oregon's new AIS permit program.

Agenda Item #14 – iMapInvasives (appendix i)

Steve Buttrick (TNC) gave a presentation on the iMapInvasives project, sharing many of the features that will be offered with the new program for Oregon.

Agenda Item #15 – Review/adopt OISC bylaw revisions

Rian Hooff (DEQ) provided an update on the issue relative to chair and vice-chair Council positions, and proposed language that could resolve the issue. Council members voted 11-0 to continue rotating the chair position on an annual basis. If someone opts out of serving, there is an election to elect someone to serve for the person that opts out. The person that ultimately serves then switches places in the rotation with the person that opts out. Rian will finalize

language for the bylaws and present it to the Council via email.