

# Oregon Invasive Species Council Meeting Minutes

**November 19, 2010 Salem, Oregon**

The Council met on Friday, November 19 at the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Council members present: Dan Hilburn, Mark Sytsma, Steve Buttrick, Vanelle Petersen, Tristen Berg, Marla Harrison, Rian Hooff, Glenn Dolphin, Mark Porter, Nancy Willmes, Robyn Draheim

Council members absent: Sam Chan, Keith Kohl, Rosemary Mannix, Mitch Nelson, Doug Daoust, Dan Walters

The following is a summary of the meeting minutes and action items.

1. OISC members discussed the summit held the day before and offered ideas on ways to improve the summit in the future:

- Have ideas to discuss with the legislative panel (beyond introducing legislation)
- Difficulty hearing during breakout sessions
- Assign some people to breakout sessions, and then let others self-assign so there is a broad distribution of people in each group
- Reach out to industry to attend the summit, and then host a 2<sup>nd</sup> panel at the summit (one with industry)
- Provide options and activities for people that are more doers than talkers
- Before each panel, conduct a 5-minute orientation to the topic.
- Devote less time to case studies
- Capture who participated in what group so that we can follow up with individuals, if need be

**ACTION ITEMS:** OISC will create a subcommittee to strategize ways to involve industry in Council activities, the summit, funding, etc.

2. Council members discussed Council committee updates:

- a. Outreach and Education – Sam provided a list of initiatives that include:
  - i. Next steps for the firewood outreach campaign.
  - ii. A targeted tunicate education strategy
  - iii. Interest from coastal teachers for a *Didemnum* monitoring project
  - iv. Student involvement in the upcoming legislative process
  - v. Education as an outcome of the statewide assessment
  - vi. Education as part of the mandatory boat inspection stations.
  - vii. Ways to leverage education opportunities with Council members (e.g., SOLV)\_
- b. Legislative – Mark discussed 2011 legislative concepts (3 existing) and the potential to introduce more (boat inspection stations)

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Lisa and Glenn will modify the language in the LC for 2009 relative to mandatory boat inspections to change penalties from criminal to civil and remove the elements relative to multi-million dollar border check stations (replace that with the roving inspection stations)
- Lisa will send a summary of the summit to legislators (that attended the summit as well as those who expressed interest in attending, but could not) as well as a thank you for attending the

summit

- Lisa will contact Jim Myron (introduced the felt soled wader bill) to ask what kind of outreach will accompany the bill, if they're flexible on the wording of the bill, and if there's some flexibility on the date (consider grandfathering in existing felt soled waders, but banning the sale of these earlier than 2015).
- Mark will be hosting 3 information seminars during the legislative session – on invasive species, Columbia River management, and economics (Bob Costanza). These will be held after the recess in February, and Mark will notify us regarding what kind of Council involvement might occur for the invasive species seminar.

c. Tunicate – Mark informed Council members he will be hosting a tunicate management workshop involving experts from Alaska and British Columbia. The workshop will be held in early March, and the results will be used to inform management options for Oregon.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mark will email the tunicate committee informing them of the upcoming workshop.

Lisa will email the tunicate committee to remind them to continue using the listserv to communicate progress and issues.

3. *Arundo donax* presentation at summit – Council members discussed several concerns they have about this species being planted on significant acreage in the Boardman area
- a. ODA is redoing their risk assessment on this species, but OISC would also like to commission an independent risk assessment.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Lisa will contact Carol Mallory-Smith at OSU and Doug Johnson (Cal-IPC) to conduct an independent risk assessment for *Arundo donax*.

Lisa will send a thank you letter to Wayne Lei (with a cc to Brendan McCarthy), informing him the Council intends to conduct an independent risk assessment as well as letting him know the Council has some additional questions and will be visiting the Boardman plant in 2011.

Lisa will inform summit attendees that the Council will be conducting an independent risk assessment for *Arundo donax*.

4. Next meeting – There was discussion about hosting the summer meeting in Hermiston to view some trial areas of *Arundo donax* and perhaps visit the 13,000 acre TNC area in the vicinity of the Boardman plant. It was also suggested that some of the OSU and WSU research experts from Hermiston and Prosser could present their data to the Council on this trip. PGE could also give the Council a tour of the facilities there.

UPDATE: Since the conclusion of the OISC meeting, Dan Hilburn and Tim Butler talked, and suggested that instead of the Weed Board meeting with the Council in February of 2011, that they meet with the Council in September and that the meeting be held in Boardman.

**ACTION ITEM:** Please provide your feedback to Lisa on this suggestion. Lisa will send a separate email with this information and asking you to set the date for the February meeting.

5. Statewide assessment – There was discussion about how the pie chart that depicts how funds are expended for invasive species in Oregon is described.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Council members will provide Lisa with bullet points they would like her to include when she gives presentations on the pie chart. Lisa will collate the points and route them

to Council members to obtain consensus on the points that will be used. Council members will bring to the February meeting their concept of what the pie chart should look like (how funds should be disbursed for each category).

6. February agenda items – there are 2 agenda items to date for the February meeting – SOLV presentation on waterways and Damon Runberg's results of his work relative to the firewood outreach campaign

7. Spot the Invader Event – Steve and Nancy discussed the content and timing of the event, which will occur during the spring of 2012. A letter is ready to send to colleagues after the holidays to develop the regional plant lists that will be used for the event.

ACTION ITEM: Steve and Nancy will work with Lisa to distribute the letter to the invasive network in February of 2011.

8. Roundtables

- a. Port of Portland – the Container terminal at the Port of Portland will no longer be managed by the Port – ICTSI from the Phillipines now has a 25-year lease to manage the terminal. In 2011, there will be no new invasive species displays at the terminal – focus will be on turtle and grassland issues.
- b. Oregon Marine Board –
  - i. Data reporting for inspectors of boats is online now.
  - ii. Last year, there was less than 50% compliance with tagging boats using the new boat inspection tags, and OMB will begin offering Tyvek tags in the future.
  - iii. Rick (ODFW) and Glenn will co-author the annual report on the boat inspection stations.
  - iv. Diamond Lake has no tui chub, although nearby Lemolo Lake has this species.
- c. The Nature Conservancy – Tania Siemens has been developing an EDRR network in Jackson County, and trying to address all of the issues relative to BMPs of a network (how people report, list of available responders, etc.). Steve mentioned the importance of focusing on the county to implement EDRR, and the need to formalize county weed lists (A list would become the EDRR list).
- d. SOLV – Nancy mentioned the Stream Team Captain training taking place as well as the Beach and Roadside event during the end of September (which coincides with a public lands day event). Let Nancy know if you have materials available for distribution.
- e. Dow Agr0sciences – The Weed Science Society of America Meeting is in Portland from February 7-10, 2011 at the downtown Hilton. On February 10, there will be a practitioner's forum. The Western Weed Science meeting will be in Spokane March 7-10, and will include 2 symposia on invasive plants, one on the ecological effects of invasive plants and the second on Ventenata dubia aka African wire grass.
- f. ODA –
  - i. ODA is developing rules regarding noxious weeds being a public nuisance. Instead of putting an advisory panel together to develop the rules, ODA is instead going to share this information with their listserv subscribers to ensure there is broad stakeholder

involvement in rule development.

- ii. ODA treated all of the African rue infestation this year.
- iii. Shannon Brubaker is the lead for the Giant Hogweed Project.
- iv. ODA is making forward progress on a number of species, such as Distaff Thistle.

v. In 2010, one gypsy moth was found in Beaverton, 1 Japanese beetle was found at PDX, and Sudden Oak Death was positively identified at 10 nurseries. It has been a challenge to keep up with Sudden Oak Death (new finds), and there is discussion about moving north of the quarantine area and removing a 3-mile wide swath of vegetation (almost like a fire line) to prevent the northward movement of the pathogen. Concern continues over spotted wing drosophila and brown marmorated stink bug and their effects on agriculture.

- g. Wallowa Resources –
  - i. Staff are dealing with a variety of weed species – rush skeletonweed was mentioned.
  - ii. WR is working with Integrated Biomass to develop a campus in Wallowa that will burn biofuel
  - iii. There were three bounties on weeds this year
- h. DEQ – Rian updated members on the following:
  - i. Ballast Water Management Program Activities
  - ii. Ballast Water Rulemaking – rule amendments are available at <http://www.deq.state.or.us/regulations/rulesandlaws.htm>
  - iii. Pending Ballast Water Legislation (LC845) that would establish a \$70/arrival fee for commercial vessels equipped with ballast water tanks transiting into state waters
  - iv. EPA NPDES Pesticide General Permit

9. Oregon Aquatic Nuisance species Management Plan – Mark and Robyn are updating this plan, and will be sending it to Council members. They are asking agencies for whom tasks have been identified to review and edit the document. A new implementation table will be developed.

10. Species knocking on Oregon's door – there was a discussion of species that threaten Oregon (some new, some that are already here and could spread). They include:

- a. Spotted wing drosophila
- b. Emerald ash borer
- c. Asian longhorned beetle – the Massachusetts infestation continues to spread
- d. A new I disease in Europe moves more quickly and kills more species than the disease in Oregon
- e. Japanese beetle – there is no more federal funding for this program.
- f. *Sirex noctilio* – borer
- g. Quagga and zebra mussel
- h. *Hydrilla*
- i. Golden mussel

Dan Hilburn made the point that a lot of species we're fighting now were not on our radar 10 years ago.

11. 2011 OISC Calendar species – Council members have the list of species for 2011 and were reminded that risk assessments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before the

calendar item is posted. Dan Hilburn mentioned his staff will likely replace Silver Y moth (February) with another species.

12. Annual report card – Lisa now has the top 10 stories for the annual report card and will send a draft of the report for Council review when completed.

ACTION ITEMS: Marla will send Lisa a short paragraph on the PDX exhibits and Glenn will do the same for the boat inspection stations.

13. Advisory committee members – We have two new advisory committee members: Sam Leininger, WeedWise Program Manager from the Clackamas SWCD and Lana D'Souza, Certified Ecologist and Plant Ecologist with Weyerhaeuser.

14. Council members for 2011 – We have only received one nomination for Council members for 2011. Council members reviewed the list of expertise they are seeking, and offered to make contacts and nominations before the November 30 deadline.

15. Other ACTION ITEMS:

a. Lisa will contact Beth Patrino and inform her that Lisa will provide a summary of state input into Ben Cannon's IPM questions, but that it would be most appropriate for Paul Jepson as state IPM coordinator to present the results to Ben's committee.

b. Lisa will send the awards press release to Council members shortly.