

## DRAFT FOR APPROVAL (8/2023)

# Oregon Invasive Species Council May 2023 Meeting Minutes 05/23/2023 | Virtual (12:30 - 4:30pm)

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### Welcome & Introductions

*Glenn Dolphin, 2023 OISC Chair (Oregon State Marine Board)*

### Meeting Participants

Noel Bacheller (OPRD), Rick Boatner (ODFW), Chris Benemann (ODA), Glenn Dolphin (OSMB), Josh Emerson (DEQ), Catherine de Rivera (PSU, CLR), Wyatt Williams (ODF), Sean McMillen (USDA APHIS PPQ), Kathy Pendergrass (USDA NRCS), Karen Ripley (USDA FS), Brendan White (USFWS), Brian Clapp (UCWC), Chuck Fisk (F5 Wildlife Control), Peter Kenagy (Kenagy Family Farm, OFB, WMC), Katie Murray (Oregonians for Food & Shelter), Alex Stauch (Mosaic Ecology), Nathan Gehres (Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council), Troy Abercrombie (ODA), Courtney Gattuso (WIN), Sam Chan (OSU SG), Lindsey Wise (INR PSU)

### Review December 2022 OISC Meeting Minutes

*Glenn Dolphin, 2023 OISC Chair (Oregon State Marine Board)*

- Proposed correction: Item 6 under the budget – is a BLM grant but misidentified as a FS grant – this needs to be changed in the minutes

[Coordinator Edit] Postmeeting clarification from Roberta Rash, ODA:

*I have completed the research for the BLM \$10K listed on the OISC report. The original \$10,000, from BLM, was first reported on the 8/21/20 report (AY21). There were expenditures of \$5,312.50 in AY21. A balance of \$4,687.50 was remaining at the end of the AY21 biennium. This balance would be part of the AY21 carryover.*

*The second \$10,000 was first reported on the 12/3/21 report. This amount was brought to my attention on a 10/18/21 email. ODA had received additional funding from BLM that included this amount for the OISC. Unfortunately, it was not a separate line item, and I missed it. The 12/3/21 report was the first report I provided after receiving this information.*

*There were additional expenditures of \$14,687.50 in AY23. So, the award has been fully spent.*

**Peter Kenagy moved to approve minutes with above change**  
**2nd: Brian Clapp**  
**Outcome of motion 13 voting members approve**

## Chair Updates & Budget Report

*Glenn Dolphin, 2023 OISC Chair (Oregon State Marine Board)*

### Income & Expenses report from Oregon Department of Agriculture (budget doc attached to final agenda)

- Budget - see table attached to agenda for AY23 data
- ODA still has OISC line item in biennial budget

### 23/25 Budget – Pending at State Legislature (SB 899 + ODA budget)

- Because of uncertainty at the state legislature, outcomes of this budget session are unknowable.

### New Coordinator Contract w/Samara Group

Good until March 31,2024 – language within the RFP that gives the council several years for a renewal – dont need to go back out to bid – hope to extend

### OISC Executive Committee

New component of the council – makes more sense to have a smaller group interact with the coordinator more regularly – action (charter) formed in 2021 where the chair, past chair, vice chair, all committee chairs and ODA rep meet with the coordinator– share between council committees – identify any assistance needed – makes the quarterly meetings run more smoothly

### Unfilled council seat (Northern Oregon coastal counties)

Reached out to several organizations to inquire – Northern Oregon Coastal counties – responses said they did not have capacity – Troy was the last person in this seat – Asking for help from council members – Glenn will follow up with folks – Katie asked for a short write up that says what we're looking for then they can put that – What about Courtney at WIN (still navigating her new job) – she's happy to help where she can and put this out to the network

#### **Action item:**

- Glenn will put together a write up/description of the role
- Katie and Courtney will distribute this write up within their network
- If it's not filled in a month Courtney will be able to step in at that point

## Emerald Ash Borer Task Force Update

*Wyatt Williams (Oregon Department of Forestry)*

*& Chris Benemann (Oregon Department of Agriculture)*

- Found in Forest Grove – aerial surveys have been done – Tualatin River is surrounded by Oregon Ash – highly fragmented and altered habitats but we want to preserve the riparian corridors – Ash swales (islands of Oregon Ash) – 3-4 years and there will be serious long-term costs of EAB both ecological and economic – growth is greatly reduced in infected trees
- ODF is developing a remote sensing tool – working with APHIS and ODA for trapping

- Survey and Response – Collaboration – Survey 123 for folks on the ground to make sure traps are set in the right place, it is also useful in training – experienced entomologists are going out and confirming identifications. When found they are treated and a buffer around trees are monitored
- Partnered with USDA for training opportunities (biocontrols, surveys, protocols)
- Eradication is not the goal (not feasible) the goal is slowing the spread and dealing with populations as they arise
- Ring of fire – treatments and girdled trees – A Lot of work and seasonal workers have been essential – Parasitoids – help to disrupt the EAB at different life stages
- From Chat Wyatt: Emamectin benzoate is very effective (>95%) if it used preventatively. If tree canopy loss is >30% it is too late to save a tree. The stem injections must be repeated every 3 years into perpetuity. Treatments cost \$3 to \$13 per inch trunk diameter and must be applied by professional, not homeowner approved
- Since Oregon has such a huge nursery stock industry it didn't make sense to fully block movement outside the quarantine zone – items are thoroughly checked
- Given the abundance of ash in California, how are we collaborating with them? We don't have any direct collaboration at the moment – they were involved in trainings – Cali and Washington are more concerned about SLF – Oregon has the most Ash to lose and is the center of distribution

## Committee/Work Group Updates, Priorities, and Needs

### Governance Committee (Committee Chair, Sam Chan)

In the future there will be updates to bylaws or a rule that needs to be changed – no updates at this time – need to connect with Cat and Wyatt – bylaws changes from Oct have been made but there may be more – goal is to get that updated by Aug meeting

#### **Action Item:**

- Sam would also like to present a high level overview of the MOU at the August meeting in addition to the Gov. committee update

### Legislative Committee (Committee Chair, Peter Kenagy)

Peter is the only member as of now, led an effort to go to the legislature– talked to staff members and a few legislators about OISC funding and introducing EAB as a risk – funding for sudden oak death? Status is on hold – currently have two senate liaisons and no house reps – state agency folks are not allowed to be as active in talking to legislators – it's been a strange session (natural resources is not a highly worked on topic this session)

#### **Action Item:**

- Any council members that are able to join this committee please email council chair
- Update committee lists: committee chairs please [check the website](#) and email Robyn with an updated list of committee members

### Communications Committee (Committee Chair, Karen Ripley)

Committee has two main activities – council is required to produce a report every two years – this report covers agency activities – we are behind in gathering that information – Need to work with coordinator to get these reports organized – need the content from the agencies

Subcommittee: recognition and awards group – it is useful and important in invasive species pursuits – good to recognize local individuals who are good invasives partners/advocates – Good to have local people to recognize in our August in person meeting – please consider joining the committee – Want to get back on track with the fall awards banquet – will depend on our budget

**Action item:**

- Karen will meet with Robyn and will send out a request for information for the report

Education Committee (Committee Chair, Sam Chan)

Awards are a good transition between communication and education – Education committee has 12 members (some retired), some members from outside the council – need to have a focus going forward – how do we tap members of the public about education and proper identification of species like EAB and green crab

Grant program – prioritized some projects – revitalize the committee and need specific tasks – should be a more collaborative and facilitated discussion – how do we prioritize work – have to wait till after June 30 then the grants program should be revitalized – during the July exec committee meeting then we can come up with a better direction for the education committee

Invasive Species Hub Working Group (WG Co-chair Alex Staunch)

Taxa teams have been busy over the past few months in populating species on the hub. iMap distribution maps were put in where possible. Cats invasive species class put together a decision tree for adding and removing species from the Hub. Hub resources and documents need to be updated – working with SG to help make sure all the compiled docs are as up to date as possible – the point of the hub is to provide most recent research and materials – reaching out to taxa teams to review and update information – some marked as not yet detected or county distribution needs to be updated – making great progress and hopefully this resources is useful to the general public and practitioners

Hub IPM Grant (Catherine de Rivera)

Troy and Jalene put in a proposal to the Western IPM to expand the info hub to include first foods and climate change elements – how do they overlap with invasive species – grant is closing in May – produced a survey to identify top species of concern – many more species in the hub than what we have populated with FF and CC – working on developing that out further with future funds and Cats students

**Webinar on June 22nd 9-10am**

**Action item:**

- Education committee collaborate with hub committee to make sure that the website gets used
- Press release Cat and Alex will put together a write up with assistance from the coordinator and Glenn can help with distribution – we can reach out to other networks – send out this press release to the full council

Ways to engage in a committee when you are not a member of the council – any member of the public can join a committee – reach out to folks who are no longer council members and ask them to stay on the committee – Committee needs minimum of two weeks notice announcement

Comm. chair is responsible for meeting minutes – Robyn can help to facilitate the teams meetings with recordings and transcripts

Eastern Oregon Working Group (WG Chair)

Not been very active per Karen,

**Action Item:**

- Glenn will reach out to reactivate, hope for help with planning summer meeting

## OISC Coordinator Update

*Robyn Draheim, OISC Coordinator (Samara Group)*

Status on updating OISC materials (website, listservs, social media, etc.)

Robyn Draheim's emails: [coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org](mailto:coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org)

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[OISC@samarapdx.com](mailto:OISC@samarapdx.com)

Listservs being updated: OISC network and the Willamette Weeds (WIN will be taking that one on)  
Facebook is active again – up to the council to let us know how much engagement we want to do –

**Action item:**

- Social media update and plan should be an agenda item for our August meeting

Threats & Opportunities Update – Legislative Primer

Updates to the primer: species names, formatting, typos, EAB paragraph – has all of the feedback from 2022 and the exec committee which had a chance to review. The consensus is to leave it as of now – send it out the full council for one last round of review – it would be great to include FF and CC in the future – keep it live and one month out give feedback

**Action item:**

- Council members take the next 30 days to review the primer and send Robyn feedback
- On the OISC website, the primer is currently in meetings support documents but will be moved to a more permanent place

OISC in-person summer meeting planning in Prineville, OR on Aug. 15+16

Prineville – Ochoco National Forest & Crooked River National Grassland – typical day 1 informational presentations, day 2 is a business meeting and field trip – room block is reserved – Country Inn and Suites – Eastern Oregon Working group (Karen and Brian – put together a subgroup to work through ideas for presenters) – get things out 3 weeks out in advance

**Action item:**

- Glenn will send Robyn contact info for help with the agenda and field trip.
- If there are topics or content ideas, send your ideas to Robyn. Standard 15 min presentation – ODA may have content
- Brian Clapp will reach out to County weed folks
- Glenn will reach out to ODA

## State ANS Management Plan Update

*Cat de Rivera (Portland State University) & Robyn Draheim*

Public comment is still open and then final draft will go out to the task force – captured all the work that's been done by the many entities in the state – informed by existing ANS efforts – this is not meant to be a standalone document – going through the process of getting review – we would like to have council approval of the plan

Smaller handbook to the larger plan so there are quick pieces to pull together – move forward on current timeline (need to keep it moving)

**Sam Chan moved to council to approve the ANS**

**2nd: Rick Boatner**

- no discussion

**Outcome of motion – All voting members approve – 11 for and no against**

## Announcements & Public Comment

Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council Summit: Please join us for this event on October 24th, 2023. Here's a sneak peak at the topics discussed:

- Techniques and timing with treatments
- Aquatic planting strategies
- Ludwigia Synthesis study
- Economic impact of AIS on local communities
- Roundtable discussions on defining success and conversation with our contractors
- AIS case studies
- Mapping efforts and much more!

Karen Ripley: Tracking the mediterranean oak borer – fungus is killing white oak trees, seeing if Oregon white oak is susceptible (yes it is susceptible to the fungus) – probably wont be able to eradicate <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/Documents/forestbenefits/fact-sheet-mediterranean-oak-borer.pdf>  
– Good species to highlight on the hub and for the education committee

Washington Invasive Species Council Spotted Lanternfly Webinar: June 5th, 1-4pm

<https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/event/washington-state-spotted-lanternfly-state-action-plan-webinar/>