



Oregon Invasive Species Council

Virtual Meeting Agenda | February 24, 2021 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Postponed meeting one week from February 17, 2021 due to winter storms causing power and internet outages

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1:00 PM	Welcome & Introductions, <i>Rick Boatner, 2021 OISC Chair (OR Dept. of Fish & Wildlife)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, Organization, Role Top 2 priorities you're working on right now
1:20 PM	Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 2021 meeting, <i>Rick Boatner, 2021 OISC Chair</i>
1:25 PM	Overview of the Oregon Invasive Species Council, <i>Rick Boatner, 2021 OISC Chair</i>
1:35 PM	Leveraging Partnerships & Activities to Advance Statewide Objectives Fire Recovery 2020: Lessons Learned & Future Opportunities, <i>Troy Abercrombie (Western Invasives Network) & Sarah Callaghan (US Forest Service)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Q&A with <i>Kathy Pendergrass (USDA NRCS)</i>, <i>Sam Leininger (Clackamas SWCD)</i>, <i>Eugene Wier (The Freshwater Trust)</i>, <i>Wyatt Williams (OR Dept. of Forestry)</i>
2:30 PM	BREAK
2:40 PM	2021 Legislative Session - Legislative Committee, <i>Christine Moffitt (Friends of South Slough Reserve) & Peter Kenagy (Kenagy Family Farm, Inc.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policymakers Primer - draft ready for final edits and then to publish for National Invasive Species Awareness Week February 22 - 26, 2021 Bill Tracking
3:05 PM	Chair & Vice-Chair Updates, <i>Rick Boatner & Troy Abercrombie</i>
3:15 PM	Committees & Working Groups (Progress, Approvals, or Next Steps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget & Funding Committee, <i>Rick Boatner & Helmuth Rogg (OR Dept. of Agriculture)</i> Joint Education & Communication Committees, <i>Sam Chan (OR Sea Grant) & Karen Ripley (US Forest Service)</i> Governance Committee, <i>Troy Abercrombie</i> Worst Invaders List Working Group, <i>Nikki Brooks & Roy Marler (US Customs & Border Protection)</i> Strategic Plan Working Group, <i>Jas. Adams (Public Member)</i> MOU Working Group, <i>Catherine de Rivera (Portland State University)</i>
3:45 PM	ODA Administrative Update, <i>Helmuth Rogg</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts & Agreements
3:50 PM	Public Comment
4:00 PM	Action Items, Next Meeting & Close



Oregon Invasive Species Council

Virtual Meeting | January 20, 2021 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Summary of Outcomes & Next Steps:

- December 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
- The OISC holds in abeyance a due date for requesting legal advice from DOJ and to proceed with MOU discussions with ODA. If DOJ is involved, ODA would share the cost with OISC on a 50/50 basis with the extent of DOJ involvement to be agreed upon by both OISC and ODA.
- Cat to follow up with more details about the MOU, timeline, and updates from the working group.

Welcome & Introductions

See list of meeting participants at the end of this document.

Welcome to new members!

Eugene Wier from The Freshwater Trust replaced Olivia Duren in the environmental advocacy seat. Josh Emerson from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality replaced Rian vanden Hooff.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2020

Christine: Motion to approve the December 9, 2020 meeting minutes

2nd: Catherine de Rivera

All in favor

Memorandum of Understanding with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Review

Based on a motion at the December 2020 OISC meeting, Catherine set up a meeting with ODA on December 21, 2020 with an open invitation to OISC members who wanted to attend.

Motion(s) from December 2020 OISC Meeting as a Reference

Troy moves to approve the question (see below) from the Council for ODA to submit to the DOJ.

2nd: Noel Bacheller

Aye: 13

Abstain: 3

Nay: 0



1. **CONTEXT:**

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is an ex officio voting member of the Oregon Invasive Species Council (Council) with one vote out of 18 for making decisions in accordance with the governance structure for the Council, as specified in ORS 570.770(1). Vis-a-vis the Council's budget, contracts and fiscal compliance, the Oregon legislature specifically provided that ODA's role was to administer those delegated functions as the Council's fiscal agent. See HB 2213 (2009), codified in ORS 570.780(3). In contrast to ODA, the Council in 2009 did not and still does not have any state employees or occupy state premises to carry out infrastructure functions. The introductory clause of the 2009 bill, HB 2213, as codified in ORS 570.770(1), provides generally that the Council is established "within" the Department of Agriculture. The legislative history of HB 2213, including two hearings, does not explicitly address substantive control of the Council's budget or its policies or programs duties by another agency. As articulated by an ODA representative at one of the hearings, the original impetus for HB 2213 was to allow the Council to make use of ODA's federal tax ID for purposes of applying for federal grants; HB 2213 contained a provision authorizing the Council to enter into contracts.

2. **PRECISE, PROSPECTIVE LEGAL QUESTION:**

Is ODA statutorily authorized by the general provision in HB 2213 (2009) (declaring that the Council was "established" within ODA) to make controlling decisions concerning the Council's budget, policies or other matters, given that ODA has a single vote in the Council's governance structure described in ORS 570.770(1), and given that ODA's role vis-a-vis the Council's budget, contracts, and fiscal compliance infrastructure was specified in the same 2009 bill (HB 2213) as that of being the Council's fiscal agent for in-house administration of those infrastructure functions?

Jas. moves to approve asking ODA to submit the question approved by the Council to the DOJ by January 8, 2021.

2nd: Dave Pranger

Yay: 16

Abstain: 1

Nay: 0

At the follow up meeting, Lisa Hanson from ODA described the agency's point of view to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process before going to a DOJ review. At that meeting, the group agreed to move forward with an MOU rather than holding ODA to the motion that was approved at the December meeting.

The group discussed the need to officially endorse the new route with the MOU process by a new motion rather than taking back a former motion.

Jas proposed a motion: that the OISC go ahead with MOU discussions with ODA. If DOJ is involved, ODA would share the cost with OISC on a 50/50 basis with the extent of DOJ involvement to be agreed upon by both OISC and ODA. Seconded by Troy.

Discussion:

Cat: we still need to better understand the process of what we take to the DOJ for review. They may need to review additional information that is not what we asked for.



Jas: given the way that DOJ is seeing it this way, it may be too expensive. Although I don't agree that it couldn't be answered directly, I think this may be the best course of action. We are looking at half of \$209/hour (\$100/hr); we need to look at how much we would like them involved.

Wyatt: can we set a maximum expenditure to be able to factor this into our budget? The last time the OISC got the DOJ involved, we got a pretty big bill. It's reasonable that we would mutually agree; but we have to talk about cost at some point.

Cat: we can't take away our vote on the January 8 deadline for DOJ review, what do we do with this vote - does this motion fully cover our decision about this?

Jas: this motion doesn't; we can instead suspend the former DOJ motion until a further date in time.

Troy: that's why I suggested that we first pull our former request and then revise our question and vote on a new motion with the council at the time that we have a new question.

Cat: maybe there are two motions. 1) Jas' original, and 2) a motion to suspend the due date for our December motion.

Jas: I would combine the motions; leaving the option to proceed with the original question. If the council wanted to change the question in the future, it would be possible to do that.

Jas amended his motion based on discussion:

Move that the OISC hold in abeyance a due date for requesting legal advice from DOJ and to proceed with MOU discussions with ODA. If DOJ is involved, ODA would share the cost with OISC on a 50/50 basis with the extent of DOJ involvement to be agreed upon by both OISC and ODA.

Troy: 2nd

In favor: all voting members present

Abstain: 0

Proposed next steps from Chair & Executive Committee for feedback

Rick walked through an updated process to develop the MOU including a chair appointed MOU working group: Cat as Chair, Troy, Rick, Christine, Wyatt, and Helmuth. The Governance Committee would be then invited to do a first read and suggest edits along with a few federal partners. Then, the draft would be sent to ODA and the full OISC for review and discussion at a special meeting. The goal is to have a first draft in February and an agreed upon MOU by the end of the biennium.

Q (Jas): why not have a larger group write it? A (Rick): it is easier to write with a smaller group, then review and solicit edits from the larger group although I haven't confirmed the process with ODA yet. Cat: I think this process will work because conversations with ODA indicated we would start by drafting something and send it to them. Also, I suggest requesting Amira's participation in the review group for input. We will use information that has been discussed by the OISC.

Q (Sam): if the agreement is between ODA & OISC, which role would Helmuth play in initial drafting - I wouldn't want to put Helmuth in an odd position as both an OISC member and and ODA representative? A (Rick): Helmuth has experience creating MOUs with other groups and would play a role in drafting, we will leave it up to Helmuth to see what his feelings are.

Q (Jas): will Helmuth's role be explicit or will you talk to Lisa to know that the role is agreed upon with ODA leadership? A (Cat): the OISC Chair should feel free to communicate directly with Lisa.



Q (Christine): are we going to need some legal advice before taking the MOU to ODA? A (Rick): to keep costs down, let's agree on as much as possible with ODA first. We should only have DOJ review the sticky points.

Q (Jas): should we have specific dates / deadlines for the MOU? A (Rick): the MOU working group needs to meet and talk about a more specific schedule, and then send that out to the council via email. Does that make sense? A (Cat): yes, I'd like to see if the group can meet weekly and that will help; Cat will be reaching out to past council members as well for topics of concern. We will be working through one or more objectives at each meeting as knowing the objectives will help us understand the timeline.

Draft Proposed Timeline:

- February: MOU working group convenes and works on first draft
- Feb/March: Review group has an opportunity to give input on first draft
- Late March: special OISC meeting to review draft
- Bring to ODA for discussion
- May : final review and DOJ questions
- June OISC meeting : finalize

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action Items & Next Meeting

All: Send Cat suggestions about objectives for the MOU

Cat: to send out scheduling information for the MOU working group

Cat: MOU working group to discuss and send a timeline to the full council as an update

Next meeting: February 17, 2021 (1:00 -4:00 pm)

Meeting Participants

Council Members Present

Troy Abercrombie, Western Invasives Network

Jas. Adams, Public Member

Rick Boatner, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

Christine Moffitt, Friends of South Slough Reserve

Glenn Dolphin, Oregon State Marine Board

Josh Emerson, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Wyatt Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry

Catherine de Rivera, Portland State University





Eugene Wier, The Freshwater Trust

Cheryl Shippentower, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

Dave Pranger, Morrow County

E. Chuck Fisk, F5 Wildlife Control

Peter Kenagy, Kenagy Family Farm Inc, Oregon Farm Bureau, Willamette Mainstem Cooperative, Oregon
Agricultural Trust & Specialty Seed Growers of Western Oregon

Sam Chan, Oregon State University & Oregon Sea Grant (joined at 1:43 pm)

Sean McMillen, USDA APHIS PPQ

Karen Ripley, USDA Forest Service

Roy Marler, US Customs and Border Protection

Jen Poirier, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Other Meeting Participants

Jalene Littlejohn, Samara Group

Shawna Bautista, USDA Forest Service (alternate)

Excused:

Noel Bacheller, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

Nikki Brooks, US Customs and Border Protection

Erin McConnell, Bureau of Land Management

Tim Newton, Malheur County SWCD

Kathy Pendergrass, USDA NRCS

Helmuth Rogg, Oregon Department of Agriculture

Alex Staunch, Mosaic Ecology

Amira Streeter, Office of Governor Kate Brown

Brendan White, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Heidi McMaster (US Bureau of Reclamation)

Rep. David Brock Smith (Oregon State House of Representatives - District 1)

Oregon State Senate - vacant



Report to OISC Legislative Committee: (Draft 24 February)
Includes a draft outline of Executive Summary

- i. Legislative Membership of OISC
 - a. Meeting with Representative David Brock Smith
 - b. Progress regarding Senatorial appointment:
- ii. Method to provide legislative tracking – (meet with former chair Rian)

- iii. Biennial Report to the Legislature:
 - a. [Legal mandate] The Invasive Species Council shall report biennially concerning the activities of the council during the previous two years to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources in the manner provided in ORS 192.245. The report may include other material at the discretion of the council.
 - b. Executive summary
 - i. Who we are and why we exist
 - 1. Supporting and highlighting invasive species efforts throughout Oregon by all network participants
 - 2. Catalyst for supporting all IS efforts by diverse participants in Oregon's invasive species network.
 - 3. OISC provides strategic planning for efforts, increases communication, outreach & education, provides a hotline, coordination, the grant/loan programs.
 - ii. Reorganized structure as per 2020: Discuss strength and opportunities from increased formal regional representation and partnerships.
 - iii. Funding received and efforts to provide outreach grants including link to list or providing a summary list.
 - iv. COVID provides a model of containment and spread of invasive species.
 - v. OISC increased virtual communication and increased engagement that occurred across regions and demonstrates opportunity for future engagements and effectiveness.
 - vi. Plans for the future: address the fiscal needs, and challenges ahead regarding invasive species (Threats)
 - c. Legislative Primer provides a summary of the many efforts across the state.

DRAFT 2019-2021 OISC Biennium Budget Report

Proposal for discussion 2/24/21

Purpose: budget allocations and expense tracking by funding source.
Updated with numbers from ODA reports (through 2/21/2021).

Projected OISC Budget by Funding Source						Expended as of 2/12/2021					Remaining Budget 2019-2021 Biennium	NOTES	
Category (lines up with 'OISC Project Balances' Report from ODA)	AY 21 GF + LF	USFS	USFWS	BLM	Total Budgeted 2019-2021 Expenditures	AY 21 GF + LF	USFS	USFWS	BLM				
PERSONNEL : Contracted Services & Payroll						PERSONNEL : Contracted Services & Payroll							
Professional Services:						Professional Services:							
*Contracted Coordinator	\$101,800.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$9,700.00	\$150,000.00	\$82,066.61	\$15,362.50	\$9,000.00	\$ -	\$ 43,570.89	Restored biennium budget per budget committee proposal August 2020.		
*Special Projects					\$0.00					\$ -	Other contracted services, funding partners, paying students, special events.		
Hotline / INR	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00					\$ 10,000.00	Discussed contribution to online hotline in previous funding discussions; approved at October 2019 & June 2020 meeting; retained hotline budget per August 2020 budget committee recommendation. Pending ODA agreement with INR.		
Agency Payroll	\$4,800.00				\$4,800.00	\$3,665.57				\$ 1,134.43	Tristen Berg's time - Education/Outreach grants. Edited budget line item per ODA recommendation to \$4800.		
SUBTOTALS - Personnel	\$116,600.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$9,700.00	\$164,800.00	\$85,732.18	\$15,362.50	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$54,705.32			
SUPPLIES, FEES & OTHER PROJECT COSTS						SUPPLIES, FEES & OTHER PROJECT COSTS							
Travel	\$3,216.43				\$3,216.43	\$3,216.43				\$ -	Per Rick - no more travel this biennium. Reduced budget item to match expenditures to date.		
Office Supplies:	\$3,426.89	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$5,101.89	\$3,795.25				\$ 1,306.64	Office supplies sum as of 2/12/21 balances report		
Hotlines		\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	\$868.36					2017-2019 biennia was ~\$830 for Squeal on Pigs (AnswerNet) + 1-866-INVADER. Assumed expended costs are office supplies - meeting costs. Increased budget for hotlines per current costs balance.		
*Council Meeting Costs	\$2,926.89				\$2,926.89	\$2,926.89				\$ -	Per Rick, no additional in-person meeting costs this biennium. Reduced budget line to match expenditures to date.		
*Awards + Events	\$500.00				\$500.00	\$0.00				\$ 500.00	Last summit projected budget ~\$5k, awards cost to produce. 6/26/20 proposed reduction from budget committee to cancel awards event and possibly retain funds for virtual awards.		
Website Domain & Host		\$75.00			\$75.00	\$0.00				\$ 75.00	oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org + email. Anticipate OISC would take over costs in April? Pending funding source. Reduces budgeted amount for this biennium.		
Webinar - GoTo Meeting		\$300.00		\$300.00	\$600.00					\$ 600.00	Proposed purchase of GoTo Webinar for council meetings, webinars, networking events, and access for council members if needed		
Statewide Government Service Charges	\$16,000.00				\$16,000.00	\$9,321.53				\$ 6,678.47	Budget Estimated by Roberta, ODA - Sept 2019; confirmed estimate to be close to \$16,000 via email July 2020		
Attorney General	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	\$278.20				\$ 1,721.80	Per Rick - increase budget for likely costs hard to estimate		
Advertising:	\$9,000.00				\$9,000.00	\$0.00				\$ 9,000.00	Per Rick - proposed add advertising budget to meet needs of stakeholders and council members		
*Promotion and Outreach - Marketing/Campaigns	\$9,000.00				\$9,000.00	\$0.00				\$ 9,000.00	Production of print materials, promotional materials, ads, booth/table fees, event fees - specifics TBD		
Public Meeting Notices					\$0.00	\$0.00				\$ -	In ODA reports, but reported at \$0 in previous biennium.		
Merchant Fees: Treasury Fees	\$250.00				\$250.00	\$200.00				\$ 50.00	2017-2019 biennia was ~\$230		
Rent - Other Equipment	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00				\$ -			
Administrative Fees: ODA	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00	\$0.00				\$ 1,500.00	charged at 15% for 'other funds' (OF) - government charge		
Contribution to emergency control account	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00				\$ -	Budget reduction of contributions to Control Account as of June 2020		
Outreach and Education Grant Program	\$20,000.00				\$20,000.00	\$0.00				\$ 20,000.00	Budget reduction to Outreach Program as of June 2020; Per Rick propose putting some money into signage, outreach materials to grantees that can be expended this fiscal year - TBD per discussion.		
Reserve	\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00				\$ -	Reserved for unanticipated budget items or underbudgeted items (per CED on 7/14/20: reduced from \$20k to \$2k). Removed from reserve per Rick Feb 2021 - to be used this biennium.		
SUBTOTALS - Supplies/Projects	\$55,393.32	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$57,068.32	\$16,811.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,256.91			
TOTAL: Personnel+Supplies/Projects	\$171,993.32	\$21,375.00	\$18,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$221,868.32	\$102,543.59	\$15,362.50	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$94,962.23			
Total Revenue (2019-2021) [1]	\$164,632.57	\$61,900.00	\$18,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$255,032.57	\$164,632.57	\$61,900.00	\$18,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$255,032.57			
Total Remaining (2019-2021)	-\$7,360.75	\$40,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,164.25	\$62,088.98	\$46,537.50	\$9,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$160,070.34	Final totals are draft with clarifications needed		
						by June 30	by 2024	by Aug 1	by 2022				

*Italicized items are line items broken down when information is available. All italicized line totals are rolled up into totals of bold header above it.



OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Invasive species impact Oregon's infrastructure, economy, and natural resources that Oregonians hold dear. Public and private partnerships are essential to strategically tackle invasive species.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) acts as a catalyst to provide leadership and support collaborative efforts to protect Oregon from invasive species across the network of its members representing state and public agencies, tribes, scientists, land managers, industry leaders, educators, and members of the public.

By working together to address invasive species challenges, we will:

PROTECT OREGON'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMY

Invasive species pose a serious statewide threat to Oregon's economy, infrastructure, food and water systems, and environment. They have been known to impact agriculture, forestry, hydropower, water delivery systems, outdoor recreation opportunities, and tourism.

KEEP OREGON'S PEOPLE AND PLACES HEALTHY

Invasive species can jeopardize public health and transform ecosystems, resulting in widespread economic and environmental harm. Out of control invasive pests can lead to increased pesticide use and associated concerns affecting people and the environment.

SAVE MONEY THROUGH PREVENTION

Global trade and transportation accelerate the risk of introduction of new invasive species. By tackling pathways of introduction, we can prevent entry and avoid costly containment.

COLLABORATION MAKES INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION POSSIBLE

Invasive species infestations have wide-reaching consequences. Prevention or eradication of invasive species is possible when there are adequate resources to work across organizations, sectors, and regions to achieve early detection and rapidly respond. The OISC provides a forum for communication and coordination to advance collaborative efforts such as these:

PROTECTING THE COLUMBIA RIVER FROM NORTHERN PIKE & FLOWERING RUSH

Northern pike are carnivorous fish invasive to the Pacific Northwest. They are not yet found in the salmon-migrating portions of the Columbia Basin of Oregon, but if Northern Pike are established in the habitats of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River, there will be cascading detrimental consequences.

Within the **Columbia River Basin**, the potential economic and environmental impacts of Northern pike threaten the environment and economy associated with anadromous salmon and steelhead. These voracious fish pose risks to meeting mitigation license requirements for the hydropower system, will affect fish abundance and harvests for tribal, commercial, and sport fisheries, and pose threats to the recovery of threatened or endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and orca.

Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife are working closely with Washington state agencies, tribes, federal agencies, and other partners to implement early detection efforts for Northern pike and also for aquatic plants like flowering rush that provide habitat and cover for Northern pike, increasing their negative consequences.



OREGON FOREST PEST DETECTORS

Oregon's forests and agriculture are vulnerable to potential new invasive pests. The Oregon Forest Pest Detector (OFPD) program, developed by **Oregon State University & Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)** and funded by **U.S. Department of Agriculture**, has trained over **500 professionals** as "First Detectors" to detect emerald ash borer, Asian long-horned beetles, and other exotic forest insects when eradication is still feasible. OFPD graduates working in the field use the Oregon Invasives Online Hotline, a product of the **Oregon Invasive Species Council and Portland State University**, to record an image, GPS points, and details of possible invasive species using their smart device.

In 2019, two graduates of the OFPD independently submitted reports to the state's invasive species hotline of suspicious exotic insect damage to native twinberry plants in Portland. ODF Forest Health staff, alongside partners with the **Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)**, responded to the reports and identified an exotic woodborer, *Agrilus cyanescens*, previously unknown to the Pacific Northwest. ODF is assisting ODA and other partners in monitoring and outreach of this discovery.



PUTTING OREGON'S STATEWIDE INVASIVE SPECIES STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACTION

While there is no central authority for the management of invasive species, there are many agencies & organizations actively working to protect Oregon from invasive species. Below is a snapshot of the impressive work carried out by on-the-ground invasive species managers.

Nearly

27,000 boats inspected



at **6 stations** located at entry points around the state. **HIGHLY INVASIVE QUAGGA OR ZEBRA MUSSELS WERE INTERCEPTED ON 16 OF THOSE WATERCRAFT** and **383 other forms of bio-fouling organisms** were kept out of our waters.

(Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Oregon State Marine Board)

95% of landowners



within the Japanese beetle treatment area consented to treatment.

THIS INCLUDED:

8,500 residences,
6 schools,
8 parks,
3 shopping centers, &
1 golf course.

Compared to the previous year, there was a **65% reduction**

in the number of beetles trapped within the **2018 treatment boundary.**

(Oregon Department of Agriculture, Metro, WA County, Oregon DEQ, and many more supporting organizations)

Oregon's Invasive Species Hotline received

276 reports

including **139 regulated species reports.**

(Portland State University, Oregon Invasive Species Council, Western Invasives Network, and many expert invasive species managers responding to reports)

The Pacific Northwest Garlic Mustard Working Group held its 5th annual meeting bringing together



35 collaborators

 from Oregon, Washington, Alaska, BC, and Alberta

THE WORKING GROUP ENHANCES COLLECTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF GARLIC MUSTARD IMPACTS AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS.

Oregon's Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) continued their efforts to manage invasive plants across the state.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019 INCLUDED:

- 4-County CWMA had **173 attendees** at their annual events
- Columbia Gorge CWMA connected with **1560 members of the public** during a tabling event
- Jackson/Josephine CWMA treated more than **27 acres** of noxious weeds during multiple events

OUTREACH

- Appointed 8 council members representing private industry, the public, and 6 regions of the state in response to revised statute.
- Supported outreach for events, including the 2019 USDA Forest Service Region 6 Technical Meeting, CONNECT 2019, and the Oregon Vegetation Management Association 2019 Conference.
- Formally engaged with hundreds of stakeholders including landowners, industries, agencies, NGOs, and elected officials and their staff from all corners of the state regarding invasive species threats to agriculture, forestry, and biodiversity. This included an information forum and field trips in the vicinity of Boardman, OR to share information, combine resources, and help build partnerships. OISC information forums averaged 50+ attendees across agencies, disciplines, and backgrounds.
- Expanded OISC's communication efforts with participants in the large and diverse invasive species network in Oregon.

PLANNING

- Established a Strategic Plan Update Working Group to update the Statewide Action Plan (2017-2019) that prioritizes the implementation measures that are designed to: 1) enable NGOs and local governments to prioritize invasive species projects where they are most needed and 2) to assess the progress towards meeting the state's objectives since implementation of the plan.
- Coordinated with other state invasive species councils across the western U.S. with the goal of strengthening regional strategies to maximize the efficacy of early detection and rapid response efforts and prevent further spread of the most harmful invasive species within Oregon.

EDUCATION

- Collaborated with students from Portland State University to create an interactive story map to illustrate the ways that destructive invasive species threaten Oregon's economy and native biodiversity.
- Highlighted emerging invasive species threats and strategic opportunities for prevention and control with newly elected county officials.

DETECTION

- Maintained Oregon's Invasive Species Hotlines, including the Squeal on Pigs Hotline serving OR, WA & ID.

GRANTS

- Developed Oregon's first statewide invasive species outreach & education grants program.
- Budgeted additional funds for the Invasive Species Emergency Control Account.



STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE STATUS REPORT & RECOMMENDATION

Jas. Adams, Chair, Statewide Strategic Plan Update Work Group

- 1) Two items recently came across my email that underscore that the core role of the Council becomes fully functional only to the extent that the database of IS actions throughout Oregon allows statewide progress in resisting IS invasions to be assessed through the Council's Statewide Strategic Plan (SSP)
 - a) The first item is the just released US DOI IS Strategic Plan (2021-2025) referring to partnerships with tribes, local, state and federal governments, non-profit organizations, academia, industry, land managers, landowners and the public in declaring: "the importance of partnerships in invasive species management **cannot be overstated.**"
 - b) The second item is the link Sam Chan circulated on Australia's call for IS management to be guided by research-based prioritization, which is exactly why the SSP update includes Implementation Measures (surveys, field studies, research) to ensure that IS actions are strategically designed to be most effective.
- 2) **Council's core role**
 - a) The Council's role in the invasive species context in Oregon has regrettably been as much curtailed by competition among NR agencies for ever-shrinking general funding as it has been affirmatively charged with unique IS functions by the Oregon Legislature. In my view, the Council's has been diminished due to agency disinclination to be guided by reference to its "blueprint" - the governing statutes. One does not need to be a lawyer to read that the Council has a role as a "a leader for the conducting of a coordinated and comprehensive effort" in the IS context, with ties to a "strong network" of NGOs engaged in resisting invasive species, which is tasked with coordination responsibilities and mandated to carry out specific responsibilities, including developing a *statewide* plan for IS management, a duty that in Oregon has been delegated only to the Council.
 - b) If asked to sum up the essence of the Council's role in one word, you might think of: coordination, collaboration, networking, partnership - all are plausible answers. A different term drawn from the field of chemistry used to describe an agent that is **necessary** to stimulate a transformative change when combining two other things (but without the agent itself being changed) is a particularly apt term for the Council's core role. The Council functions as a **catalyst** when it stimulates effective IS actions conducted by the Council's network participants, without the Council itself needing to find funds to implement those actions.
 - c) The core role of a catalyst is inherent in Council's statutory duties, because the Council effects positive change by stimulating others to act, e.g.,
 - i) Establishing an IS hot line so *others* can counter emergency IS problems;
 - ii) Administering a grant/loan program to fund IS efforts of network *partners*;
 - iii) Managing an IS control fund for emergency measures carried out by *others*;
 - iv) Conducting communications, outreach and education activities to provide opportunities for network participants, including Council entities, to engage in outreach and education at the landscape level. *See Invasive Species Threats and Opportunities: A Primer for Oregon Policymakers.*

v) Develop a statewide plan for invasive species that, absent authority to direct the operations of either state agencies or private organizations, necessarily must be a statewide *strategic* plan. Oregon's plan articulates objectives, strategies and tactical assessments and provides data allowing for the first-time assessment of statewide progress previously unobtainable.

(1) This does not mean that the Council's work would not be aided by having employees to assist it in carrying out its duties. I know of no other state entity that uses its board members together with a sole Coordinator on contract to complete an IS strategic plan for the entire state.

d) What happens when mandatory statutory duties are carried out by the Council? The Council itself is not changed. It does not itself do the IS Control work or have the authority to dictate what other agencies and organizations do. The Council is not changed, but the results do change, sometimes by orders of magnitude. This core concept is not new: it is already reflected in the terms the Council frequently uses to describe what it does: leveraging resources, creating synergy.

3) MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SSP UPDATE

a) The Council's Statewide Strategic Plan update of the "State Action Plan" (SAP) covering 2017-2019 was originally slated to be issued in June 2020. The content of the SAP will be redesignated as "Implementation Measures" (research and surveys to guide planning IS projects). That content will be supplemented by a master list of IS projects throughout Oregon called "Network Actions." By compiling that data as part of dynamic strategic planning, the Council will make it possible for NGOs and local governments to implement IS projects where most needed. and for statewide progress in IS management to be assessed for the first time in Oregon.

a. Council progress on strategic planning development was halted first by the pandemic and then by extreme budget cuts administratively proposed and legislatively implemented. For purposes of this update, therefore, reporting will be reequested on the first 3 Objectives: (1) Prevention, (2) ER/RD and (3) Control & Management, with an option to report actions within the Education and Outreach Objective and the Coordination and Leadership Objective.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

a) Each Council member will report its organization's IS actions in 2017-20 for the first 3 Objectives: (1) Prevention, (2) ER/RD and (3) Control & Management.

b) Option to report on the last 2 objectives (4) Education and Outreach and (5) Coordination and Leadership.

c) Online spreadsheet form revised to be used to submit data and automatically post to SSP Network Action Component. Data may be grouped within categories to facilitate reporting. Council Coordinator can assist reporting in set time slots.

d) Due date for reporting for 2017-2020 is May 1, 2021. This Statewide Strategic Plan Update to be finalized in a summer or early fall Council meeting. Network reporting thereafter to commence on rolling basis.

ATTACHMENTS: STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE JUNE 2, 2020 (for context)
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