

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Business Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023 | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Meeting attendees:

In-person: Glenn Dolphin (OSMB), Stacy Johnson (BLM), Josh Emerson (ODEQ), Sam Chan (OSU), Rick Boatner (ODFW), Kathy Pendergrass (USDA NRCS), Noel Bacheller (OPR), Shon Schooler (South Slough NERR), Chuck Fisk (F5 Wildlife Control), Chris Benneman (ODA), Christer LaBrecque (Tillamook Estuaries Partnership), Robyn Draheim (OISC Coordinator)

Online: Nathan Gehres (Applegate Partnership), Nikki Brooks (U.S. Customs & Border Protection), Alex Staunch (Mosaic Ecology), Kerri Schwarz (ODA), Peter Kenagy (OFB), Heidi McMaster (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation), Michael Ahr (Benton SWCD) Wyatt Williams (ODF), Brian Clapp (Union County Weed Control), Cat de Rivera (PSU), Karen Ripley (USDA FS), Katie Murray (Oregonians for Food & Shelter), Mariah Davis (APHIS), Troy Abercrombie (ODA), Tristen Berg (ODA), Jack Halsey (Oswego Lake Watershed Council), Michelle Delepine (East Multnomah SWCD), Fiona Smeaton (OISC Coordinator), Evan Elderbrock (ODF)

Meeting Minutes: Glenn Dolphin, 2023 Chair

- Review and Approve August 2023 [Meeting Minutes](#)
 - No discussion, Motion to Approve: Rich Boatner, Second: Chuck Fisk, All in favor of approving meeting minutes.

Chair Updates & Budget Report: Glenn Dolphin, 2023 Chair

- [Income & Expenses report](#) from Oregon Department of Agriculture, need to spend balance by Dec. next year, could do a no-cost extension with a strategy and explanation in place.
- USDA FS - Karen can check in agreement but it may have already been extended for the maximum 5 years.
- IPM grant – did get an extension, there was money left over, but the grant is completed and can zero out that money.
- Budget Committee – [OISC Spending Plan](#)
- Important to plan ahead and earmark funds because costs like state-mandated service fees roll in over the biennium, not on a set schedule, account for ~\$7,000
- Current Samara Group contract expires March 2024, plan to renew at that time, and can renew up to 4 years without having to do an RFP.
 - Action item: January we will process this yearly amendment.
- Awards ceremony is a high priority going forward, last one was in 2017 – ask other agencies to contribute – this should be rewarding a statewide effort in order to get policy stakeholders engaged – media picks up on these (the coordinator will do a press release) – highlight the

- accomplishments. Sam -> ask partner agencies to chip in for awards?
- Summit meeting in summer, hold this in Washington County, less travel cost, funds held to support council members who need to travel.
 - Field days in the spring next year with the goal of gaining legislative champions – local and state elected officials are the primary audience, present on challenges and successes, ask for future support. Maybe also target local industry and environmental groups too. Invite the media!
 - We will pick one location and meet for two hours; Katie Murray will connect us to Tiffany Monroe from her organization to help.
 - Troy Abercrombie: Just FYI, ODA is considering an in-person meeting in Umatilla in Fall 2024 for OSWB. If OISC is interested in leveraging that meeting, we'd be open to discuss.
 - Heidi McMaster: There was some biocontrol work done in the Umatilla area that may be a good topic to discuss on-site. I'm open to coordination and discussion, including with the ODA timeframe.
 - Might have vehicle and transportation assistance from Katie or Heidi can help coordinate.
 - Motion to approve moving forward with this plan for field days.
 - Chuck motions to approve, Cat and Noel second, motion passes.

Committee Updates: Assorted Chairs

Legislative Committee:

- Glenn and Robyn met with Rep. Helm's assistant Greg Smith to discuss Senate Bill 899: 14 months to spend money, idea to reengage with the education and outreach grant program, Greg. Smith sent a plan outline which the core council gave comments on but have not heard back yet, we don't know if this was submitted as an official bill yet.
 - Action item: Katie Murray can find out if the bill was submitted.

Governance Committee:

- [Approve changes to 2022 Bylaws](#)
- Additional language to be added about virtual attendance being equivalent to in-person.
- Motion to approve the current changes in the bylaws with regard to proxy voting with the understanding that we will make further changes at the next meeting.
 - Motion To Approve: Chris Benneman, Rick Boatner seconds – all in favor, motion passes.

Communications Committee:

- [Draft Annual Report 2021-2022](#)
- What are the important metrics for people to report next time? Tell us what you/your organization think the hallmark areas of your work are, provide numbers to compare across partners work (acres treated or dollars spent) soon there will be a data call for 2023, many organizations create an accomplishments report – share that with OISC.
- Suggestion from Cat: Could we make a joint map of Oregon that shows where projects have occurred? Might show legislators the scope of the issue on the ground?
- Should we be getting accomplishments of those not represented here? It would be great for the coordinator to lead this effort but unlikely now with current capacity.
- Suggestion from Cat: In the future, might it be helpful if we have a QR code on this that includes a fuller accounting of work done based on all the reports that were submitted?
 - Action item: Any edits to the draft report should be communicated to Karen and Robyn within the next week. Chris has suggested edit to include ODA involvement.

Education and Outreach Committee:

- Glenn and Cat to co-chair in 2024, coordinate field visits with Oregon Invasive Species Awareness Week.

- HUB Working Group will be under the outreach committee – there needs to be a point person along with coordinator to lead tasks.
- Eastern Oregon Working Group – should also be under the outreach committee – they can take the lead on the field days project.

Update: Quagga mussels in Idaho (Rick Boatner ODFW)

- Benefits of monitoring during business hours vs 24 hours a day? It's too difficult to monitor 24 hours with capacity and safety issues.
 - Comment from Heidi: Cost effective-wise, 7 days a week during daylight hours is more effective and catches more boats than 24-hour operations. I don't have data but Reclamation funded CSKT for a pilot 24-hour check station and didn't see any significant difference.
- Do we have the resources lined up to react like Idaho if it arrives in Oregon? Need to keep monitoring progress, keeping communication open.
- Next step is to get our legislators aware and involved.

New Member Nominations (Glenn Dolphin, 2023 Chair)

- Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, or Malheur Counties
- Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, or Yamhill Counties
- Native American or Indian Tribe or association of Tribes
- Organization or Association that advocates on behalf of private industry.
- Public
 - Action items: Robyn and Glenn will follow up with Katie about contacts. Robyn will share recruitment language for tribal contacts. Connect with Cheryl about CTUIR contact who applied.

OISC 2024 Planning (Glenn Dolphin, 2023 Chair, Sam Chan 2024 Chair)

- Awards Ceremony (Winter)
- Legislative Field Days (Spring)
- Insect Pest Mini-Summit (Summer)
- Business Meeting (Fall)

Panel: Emerging Insect Pest Issues and the Role of the OISC

- Action item: Think about the role of the council in these panel presentations: is this a topic that the council can rally around in the next few years.
- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) - Evan Elderbrock, Oregon Department of Forestry
- Mediterranean Oak Borer (MOB) - Wyatt Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry: OISC all about coordinating agency efforts, identifying what gaps can agencies fill, foster communication, Discussion to be continued: will this be a page on the OISC website? Is it listed as an alert species on the OISC Hub? Yes it is an [alert species](#)
- Spongy Moth (SM) and Japanese Beetle (JB) - Kerri Schwartz, Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) - Washington Invasive Species Council: California and Washington have been very focused on this pest – equal risk here – Oregon has been focused on other pest issues, but this should be a higher priority – important to track TOH along rail lines.
 - ODA did a TOH census with USFS. It is still under-reported statewide but it's a decent dataset to start from for Oregon.

- iNaturalist [TOH mapping effort](#)
- Action item: Troy and Kerri will collaborate on sharing TOH datasets.
- APHIS PPQ and pest detection - Mariah Davis, USDA APHIS PPQ: Species to watch: Fruit fly, more data to come.

Overview: role of OISC and EAB - Robyn Draheim, Samara Group –

- How can the council help across jurisdictions – example of the EAB website and the Hub has a pest alert – what’s our 5-year plan for that webpage?
- Species by species in a reactive way would be costly and a major time commitment but we could help with increased awareness etc.
- Hotline is the most visible: do we have any analytics, comments that people have when they report an invasive species? What are their stories? The online form doesn’t focus on this – there’s no collections of these stories – would be a good way to get community support – hard to focus on this with limited capacity.
- How visible is OISC to the greater public? The OISC should be a centralized landing page for EAB, but most people are likely going to the ODA website.
- Current problem of educating landowners – having workshops in focused areas, could help to work with SWCDs.
 - Suggestion from Cat: We can't tell SWCDs to do a workshop, but we could ask them how we could support them to create one. Seems like workshop support could be a role for our outreach and education committee.
- Shade planting efforts of saplings can be proactive restoration to interest landowners.
- Outreach strategy: reach out to private landowners using the same framework as with fire (Firewise community) doing assessments of a property that might have high target risk.
- Suggestion from Nathan: with regards to tree pathogens, I am about to implement a landscape level fuels reduction program and will be updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for my area. I'd like to utilize BMPs related to tree work and post-fire recovery to avoid spreading invasives. Does a comprehensive list of BMPs for this type of work exist? Would this be a role for the OISC?
- Suggestion from Heidi: Nathan, I'm interested in this as well. I work with our wildland fire coordinator, and we have been working on a fuel reduction grant and program.
- Convening a one-day summit on EAB – would that be beneficial input from the council? Yes, that would be helpful, the more of these opportunities we can provide the better to get folks involved – present more preventative options – this summit could target the municipalities from Portland to Eugene
- (tree of heaven) TOH and riparian issues: riparian tax incentives program – might be a way to encourage landowners to remove TOH.
- Suggestion from Mariah: WA state put together a forest pest readiness playbook that would be a helpful resource for municipalities preparing for EAB or other pests - <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/UrbanForestPestReadinessPlaybook.pdf>
- If the state lands would prioritize an issue, then the counties would follow – rest stops and ODOT

ROW there is so much TOH – convene people together to talk and prioritize.

OISC Statewide Action Plan for Invasive Species (Glenn Dolphin, 2023 Chair)

The action plan is a working document that guides the implementation of the statewide strategic plan by Oregon agencies and other entities involved in invasive species control. The Council will comprehensively update the action plan every two years to keep actions relevant.

- [2017 - 2019 Action Plan](#)
- [2017 - 2027 Strategic Plan](#)
- Next business meeting – the executive committee will make a line item to finalize this Plan for the next two years – decide on what language could be updated.
- What can we accomplish in the next two years? – focus more on actionable items.
 - Action item: Council to review the Plan with the intent of reducing overall content (take out anything not relevant for the next two years) reduce it to half the length.