

Protecting Oregon from Invasive Species: The Path Forward

2016 Summit Report

Oregon Invasive Species Council

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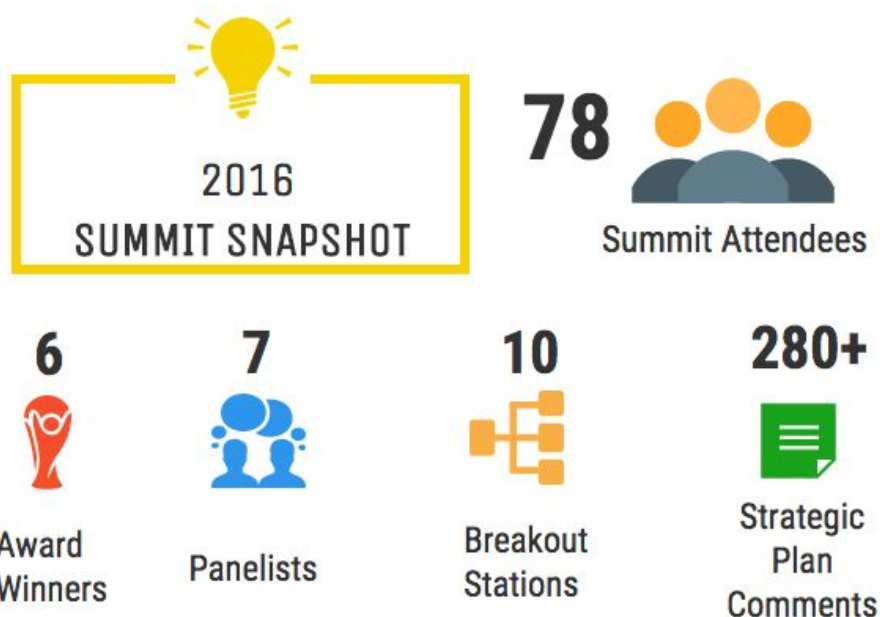
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2016 Summit Event Summary

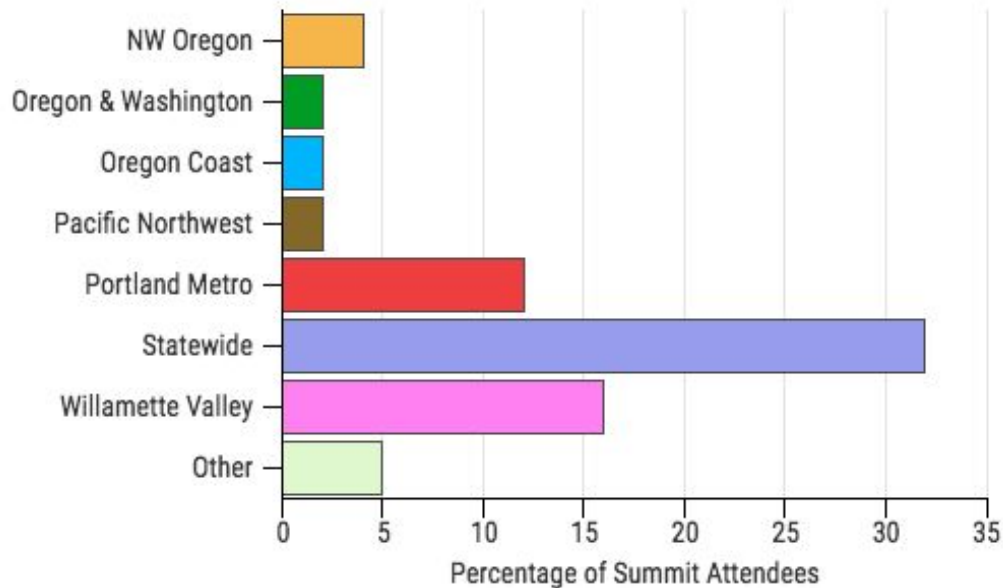
The 2016 OISC Summit -- “Protecting Oregon from Invasive Species: The Path Forward” -- was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Chemeketa Eola Viticulture Center (215 Doaks Ferry Rd, Salem, OR 97304). Nearly 80 people attended the summit out of 97 registered. The event was free to attend and open to the public. See [link here for a copy of the event's program](#). The Summit was led by Council Chair, Rian Hooff representing Oregon Department of Environmental Quality supported by Jalene Littlejohn, Oregon Invasive Species Council Coordinator with Samara Group and fellow Council members and partners.



Photo, right : Council Chair, Rian Hooff presenting during the summit. Credit: J. Riehl.



Regional Representation of Summit Attendees



Keynote: Collective Impact

Heather Braun, Senior Project Manager at the [Great Lakes Commission](#), kicked off the event with a keynote presentation titled: “Applying the Collective Impact Approach to Address Non-Native Species: A Case Study of the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative”. The keynote was well received with questions and discussion about the collective impact approach and its relevance to the work that is happening in Oregon.

“**Our Collaborative is organized to maximize communication**”

Find out more about collective impact and Heather Braun’s work here: <http://www.glsc.usgs.gov/publications/2016/2030>

Photo, left: Heather Braun delivering keynote. Photo Credit: J. Riehl

Agency Updates Panel

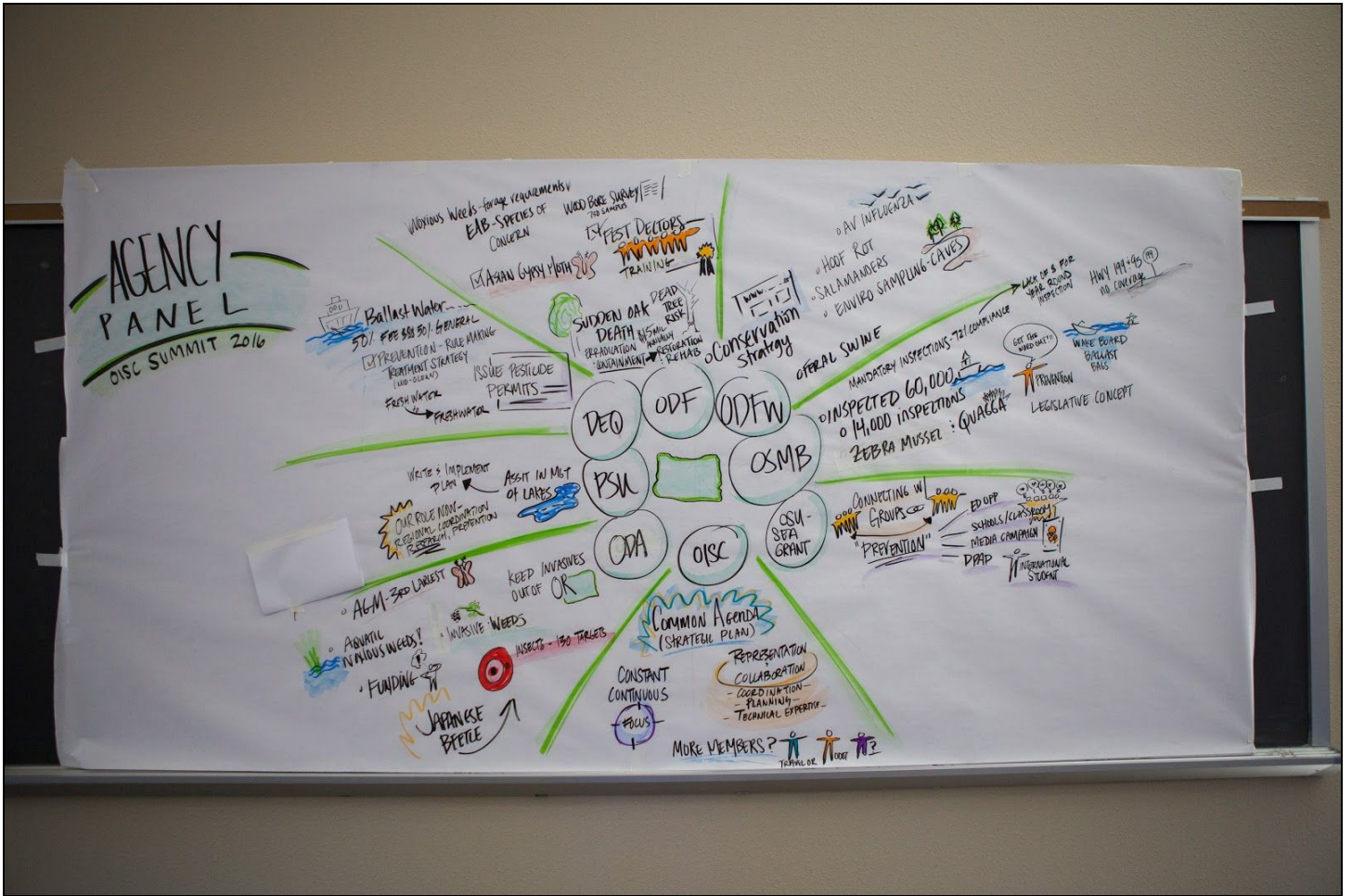
The keynote was followed by an interactive panel of OISC agency leaders, moderated by Brett Brownscombe from the Governor’s Natural Resources Office, to discuss the current landscape of invasive species priorities in Oregon. During the panel, Jessica Riehl from Samara took notes using a method called “graphic harvesting”. See the image below that documents the conversation and the key points.

OISC Agency	Representative on Panel
DEQ	Palmer Mason <i>Director of Legislative Affairs</i>
ODFW	Rick Boatner <i>Invasive Species Wildlife Integrity Coordinator</i>
OSMB	Scott Brewen <i>Oregon State Marine Board Director</i>
ODA	Helmuth Rogg <i>Plant Protection & Conservation Programs Area Director</i>
ODF	Lena Tucker <i>Deputy Chief Private Forests Division</i>
PSU	Mark Sytsma <i>Center for Lakes and Reservoirs Director</i>
OSU-Sea Grant	Shelby Walker <i>Oregon Sea Grant Director</i>



“Agencies need to be accountable for a common agenda... the strategic plan will help and monitor the progress”

Photo, Left: Brett Brownscombe moderating the Agency Updates Panel. Photo Credit: J. Riehl



Photo, above: Graphic harvest of key points noted during the Agency Updates Panel. Credit: J. Riehl

The group also discussed the Oregon Invasive Species Council’s strengths and how the Council can be more effective.

Key points included:

- Bringing together our state agencies under a common agenda and tracking progress
- Support for the Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species under development
- Encouraging increased interaction with the Governor’s office and adding members to the Council like Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon State Parks, and Travel Oregon.

Awards Luncheon

Over lunch, the OISC honored 6 awardees for their contribution to protecting Oregon from invasive species.



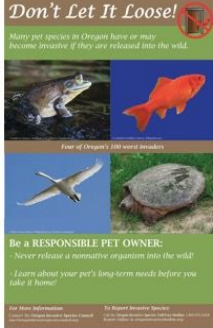

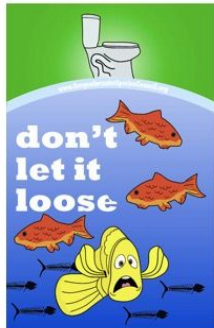
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“Nona Gobel is a resident in Grants Pass and noticed a strange jumping worm in her yard”



“The Asian jumping worm has the potential to change our forests understory”

**2016 Eagle Eye Award Winner
Nona Gobel**

**2016 Invader Crusader Award Winners
Molly Sultany & Tami Katz**

[Video](#)




“Eric has a true understanding of how science alone cannot exist in a vacuum, but must be applied for the greater good”

**2016 Ten Fingers in the Dike Award Winner
Eric Coombs**




“Collaboration is exponentially more powerful than the sum of its parts”

**2016 Service Award Winner
Sam Chan**




“Her efforts have moved invasive species management and collaboration forward in Oregon”

**2016 Sandra Denyes Diedrich Award Winner
Lindsey Wise**



Photo: 2016 Award Winners and acceptance partners from left to right: Tania Siemens accepting on behalf of Sam Chan, Lindsey Wise, Diana Kearns accepting on behalf of Nona Gobel, Tim Butler accepting on behalf of Eric Coombs, and Tami Katz. Photo Credit: J. Riehl.

Introduction to the Statewide Strategic Plan & Small Group Participation

Rian Hooff (Council Chair) and Jalene Littlejohn (Council Coordinator) introduced the Statewide Strategic Plan and the history behind the Council's role in planning for the state. Jas Adams (Council Member and Oregon State Marine Board Member) was unable to attend the meeting, but you can view the Introduction to the Draft Statewide Strategic Plan [powerpoint presentation here](#).

Key points:

- The OISC has produced plans previously. The 2017-2027 Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species will be a comprehensive plan, building off and updating prior efforts to include both strategies and actions.
- The Plan is a roadmap to coordinate, prevent, educate, manage, and minimize invasive species threats to protect Oregon's people, economy and environment. It will be a valuable document that guides the state's actions and identifies overlap, redundancies, and needed investments.
- Stakeholder engagement is a critical part of the strategic planning effort. The Plan is intended to be a simple, useful document that guides, connects, and enhances the on-the-ground work. Everyone that is involved with Invasive Species work in Oregon is invited to have a part in shaping the plan.



“This is not the Council’s plan. This is your plan. Everyone here should have a hand in shaping this plan before you leave today.”

Photo, left: Clint Burfitt with Oregon Department of Agriculture leads the Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR) small group encouraging individual participation in shaping the Statewide Strategic Plan.

Statewide Strategic Plan - Feedback Highlights

Ten small group breakout stations were held during the concluding afternoon session of the summit to review the draft 10-year strategies and 2-4 year actions. Participants were encouraged to attend 3 different stations that were organized by the five objectives (prevention, EDRR, control & management, education & outreach, and coordination & leadership) to give feedback and direct input to the plan. You can see snapshots of the information collected below. All feedback will be analyzed, synthesized and available for review after the October 13th deadline for input and reviewed at the October 27th OISC meeting in Portland. The final plan will be adopted at the December OISC meeting in Salem (date tbd).

Edits, additions, and other feedback or input for the Statewide Strategic Plan will be collected through October 13, 2016. [Follow this link to provide feedback on as many strategies or actions as you'd like.](#)

Objective I: Prevention

Highlights from Feedback:

- General support for pathways approach
- Conduct a pathways analysis including ranking, listing, risk
- Improve communication of risk to stakeholders
- Accessible information on pathways and Best Management Practices like decontamination
- Encourage public participation, understanding, awareness
- Resource constraints
- Pathways = Partnerships

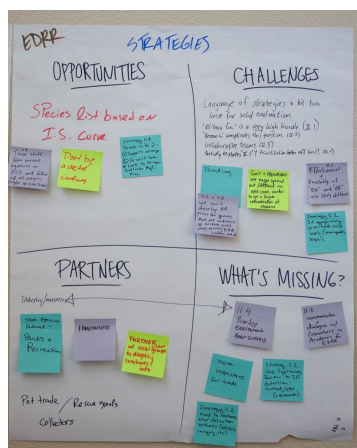


Photos, above: documentation of small group activity information from early detection, rapid response (EDRR) stations; documentation of effectiveness/feasibility rating for draft strategies.

Objective II: Early Detection, Rapid Response (EDRR)

Highlights from Feedback:

- Cross-agency training in ICS and incident teams
- Tighten language of strategies for solid evaluation
- “All-taxa” foci is a large hurdle
- Local prioritization is best
- Effectiveness and feasibility vary between ED/RR
- Partnerships with pathway / source organizations
- Priority environments and new detection methods
- Promote various reporting options, review reporting
- Connect stakeholders through meetings, networking
- OISC role for EDRR



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Objective III: Control & Management

Highlights from Feedback:

- Culturally-important issues: wildlife and fish
- Collaboration = important
- Widespread, clear, agreed-upon reporting system
- Toolkits, educational tools
- OISC grant program for research, control methods in changing times
- Showcase difference between prevention vs. control (economics)
- Management AND research partnerships = priority



Photos, left: documentation of small group activity information from control & management stations; documentation of effectiveness/feasibility rating for draft strategies.

Objective IV: Education & Outreach

Highlights from Feedback:

- Prioritize audiences
- Coordination group for sharing education and outreach priorities
- OISC Website is important hub
- How to evaluate success?
- Use information we currently have (reportings, stories, etc) for effective outreach tools
- Long-term partnerships for outreach and engagement
- Emphasize positive message, focus efforts, demonstrate impact



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Objective V: Coordination & Leadership

Highlights from Feedback:

- Inspection station collaborations for more than AIS
- Statewide species messaging is important
- How can stakeholders stay engaged; engage with stakeholder partnerships wisely
- Strategize engagement opportunities, not just an out of control listserv - highly effective and useful communication
- Need solid buy-in at all levels, including legislative
- Information clearinghouse important
- Increase participation from conservation groups, agencies missing at the table



Photos, left: documentation of small group activity information from coordination & leadership stations; documentation of effectiveness/feasibility rating for draft strategies.

Additional resources and updates during the planning process will be available at www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org

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