

OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

12 February 2013

Salem, Oregon

Council members present included Mark Hitchcox, Judi Sanders, Vern Holm, Todd Thompson, Dana Green, Sam Chan, Rian Hooff, Dan Hilburn, Mark Porter, Wyatt Williams, Rick Boatner, Mark Sytsma, Thea Hayes. Lisa DeBruyckere (OISC Coordinator) and Tristen Berg (Special Assistant to the Council) were also present. Council members absent and organizations not represented included Doug Daoust (US Forest Service) and Dominic Maze (City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services).

SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Decision Item: Council members approved the meeting minutes from the September 2012 meeting pending two additional edits (in the attendee list for the meeting, change Rick Boatner's name to Keith Kohl, and on page 2, change, OSU "published" to OSU "released."

SOCIAL MEDIA

Wyatt Williams provided a PowerPoint on social media, sharing information about Twitter and Facebook, and encouraging Council members to explore Oregon's invasive species-related sites:

Facebook:

- –Oregon Invasive Species Council (<https://www.facebook.com/OregonISC>)
- Feral Swine (<https://www.facebook.com/SquealOnPigs>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/PNWInvasives>)

Action Item: Lisa was asked to post a link to Facebook and Twitter from the <http://www.oregoninvasivespecies.blogspot.com> web page.

OISC BUDGET

Council members reviewed the status of the OISC budget. The following are summaries of budget balances:

Invasive Species Control Account:	\$351,406
OISC Operations for biennium ending June 30, 2013:	\$ 4,393
Council Coordinator:	\$ 74,263
iMapInvasives:	\$ -15,982
Firewood outreach:	\$ 17,700
Squeal on Pigs:	\$ 25,980

Aquatic Invasives:	\$(-\$6,766)
Other (funds remaining from the statewide assessment)	\$ 11,967

Action Items: Glenn Dolphin will check on whether or not the funds they transferred to ODA to transfer to PSU for iMapInvasives was completed (to determine why there is a negative balance when there should be a 0 balance). Lisa will check on the aquatic invasive species account to determine if the funds were transferred from OSU Sea Grant.

100 WORST LIST

Council members made the following changes to the 100 Worst List:

Micro-organisms

- Add “chalara dieback of ash”, *chalara fraxinea*
- Correct the name of a virus: Sheep Pen Hill Virus, blueberry scorch virus – New Jersey strain (BISV-NJ)
- Add “white-nose syndrome”, *Geomyces destructans*

Aquatic Plants

- After the scientific name of common reed, add in parenthesis “non-native haplotype”
- Correct the species name of rock snot from “geminate” to “geminata”

Land Plants

- Change “Alyssum sp.” To “Yellow-tuft alyssums”, and change the species names to “Alyssum corsicum and A. murale”
- Change coltsfoot to “European coltsfoot”
- Change “goat’s rue” to “goatsrue”
- In the hawkweed category, list king-devil, orange, and yellow devil) and list the species as *Hieracium piloselloides*, *H. aurantiacum*, and *H. X. floribundum*.

Aquatic Invertebrates

- Change Asian clam to “brackish-water Asian clam”
- Add “Northern Pacific sea star”, *Asterias amurensis*
- Remove mitten crabs
- Change the crayfish species to virile and marbled
- Lump the tunicates and call them “sea squirts”, *Didemnum* sp., *Ciona savignyi*, and *Styela clava*

Land Invertebrates

- Change “brown spruce longhorn beetles” to “brown spruce longhorned beetles”
- List the species of corn borers as “*Ostrinia furnacalis*, *O. nubilalis*”
- Change woodwasps to “Exotic woodwasps” and add “*Tremex fuscicornis*” as a species.
- Change “ambrosia beetle” to “exotic ambrosia beetles” and list the species as “*Platypus mutates*, *P. guercivorus*, *Xyleborus glabratus*, *Xylosandrus crassiusculus*, etc.”
- Change Siberian moth to “Siberian moths” and list the species as “*Dendrolimus pini*, *D. sibiricus*, *D. superans*”

- List the terrestrial snails as (giant African, heath, vineyard, white garden snails), and list the species as “*Achatina fulica*, *Cerņuella virgate*, *Theba pisana*, *Xerolenta obvia*, etc.”
- List the wax scales species as “*Ceroplastes destructor*, *C. japonicas*”

Reptiles

- Change the species name of the eastern snapping turtle from “serpentina” to “serpentine”

SQUEAL ON PIGS SMARTPHONE APPLICATION

The Council is working with the University of Georgia and Oregon Sea Grant on a smartphone application for the Squeal on Pigs Campaign. The application will be available to all states in the country, and will allow people to report suspected sightings of feral swine.

COLLABORATION AMONG FOREST LANDOWNERS

Wyatt Williams discussed issues with expending resources to control noxious weeds on public lands, while neighboring landowners implement inconsistent control programs. This is occurring in an environment of reduced agency budgets. Council members suggested ODF work at the local level with landowners to collaborate and work together to implement weed management priorities.

INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED ECOLOGY

The Institute for Applied Ecology provided a presentation on “Eradication by Mastication,” a concept for an annual Invasive Species Cookoff fundraising event.

Decision Item: The Council voted to support IAE’s efforts, and the Outreach and Education

OISC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The results of the survey that was conducted with advisory committee members in December 2012 revealed that a significant percentage of members are interested in becoming more active with the Council. Council members suggested:

- A targeted approach to individuals to participate on committees
- Encourage advisory committee members with primer to do legislative work
- If we had specific projects, such as the Institute for Applied Ecology, we could reach out to them

As part of this discussion, the Council discussed the composition of the Council. **Action item:** The next time the Council solicits members, the Council will express its interest in having tribal representation on the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative

Council members discussed bills with invasive species focus during the 2013 legislative session, especially those the Council would follow and support.

1. Toxic reduction package – stewardship program expansion at DEQ – **Action Item:** Rian Hooff will ask about its relationship to invasive species and get back to the Council.
2. Adding the Oregon Marine Board to the Council – Lisa received the draft legislative concept on February 11, and will distribute it to the Council for review and edits.
3. Shipping Task Force – Rian is tracking that bill and working with the Governor’s office.
4. Integrated Pest Management – Lisa and Dan have been attending meetings relative to proposed legislation that provides a process to convene agency representatives to share best management practices relative to IPM as well as establish performance metrics. Lisa and Dan will continue to keep the Council updated; they will continue to carry forward the message that the Council should not be listed with other state agencies relative to reporting requirements for IPM. It was noted that there is a strong science role the Council may be able to play relative to pesticide use in the state.
5. A bill has been introduced that bans *Arundo donax* from Oregon, naming *Arundo donax* as a noxious weed. It was noted that one of the organizations supporting the bill is the Native Plant Society of Oregon.
6. There was discussion about whether or not the Council could testify on behalf of agency budgets. At this juncture, it seems the Council, designated an “agency” by the Department of Justice, must support the Governor’s Recommended Budget, however, individual non-state agency Council members can testify on behalf of agency budgets.
7. ODA has a bill that would clean up the newly created weed statute.

Bylaws

Rick Boatner, past chair of the Council, and chair of the Bylaws Committee, noted that once the bill passes to add the Marine Board to the Council, the Council bylaws will need to change to reflect that addition as well as the addition of another non ex-officio member. Rick also noted that the rotation would also change. Action Item: Rick will tee up these proposed changes for Council review at the July meeting.

Tunicate

Glenn Dolphin, the chair of the Tunicate Committee, noted the committee met on January 15 meeting, and a total of 12 members participated. Bruce Hansen with the USFS is conducting surveys on the coast in triangle area of Winchester Bay in spring and fall months. The triangle area is very contained, and members are asking about Coos Bay and other areas. Committee members expressed an interest in focusing on the Charleston marina area and not the triangle, especially with limited research, since this is a source

area. Jamie Doyle with OSU Sea Grant had convened a focus group last year to discuss managing *Didemnum* on the docks, etc., but the group ceased convening. Sam and Glenn have had several phone calls with Jamie to re-launch that outreach, and potentially work with the port on best management practices, work with boaters on cleaning their boats, etc. There has been no successful eradication of *Didemnum* on the West Coast, but Oregon may be able to minimize spreading *Didemnum* from infected areas. The Marine Board funded USFS to do \$20,000 worth of dives in 2013. Bruce is looking to the tunicate committee to help them strategize where to conduct the surveys.

Outreach and Education

The Outreach and Education Committee is meeting February 19. They will be discussing, among other things:

1. Developing the navigation for the Squeal on Pigs smartphone application – looking at the Firewood Buddy app as a model.
2. Institute for Applied Ecology Invasive Species Cookoff – what role can the Council play in preparation for the event as well as during the event?
3. The Silent Invasion Campaign – reinvigorating the message
4. The OISC website – is it time to abandon the state agency framework and create a website on a public server? More flexibility, ability to update, more features, etc.
5. Social media – what role can members of the Committee play in terms of contributing to the OISC blog, the OISC Twitter and Facebook pages
6. Linking the OISC Outreach and Education Committee to other OISC committees – how can we leverage the expertise of this committee to help with outreach for other committees/projects?
7. Creating a legislative toolkit for advisory committee members interested in working with legislators to advance invasive species issues and understanding.

FUNDING INVASIVE SPECIES IN OREGON – A STRATEGY

Dan Hilburn discussed the budget reductions that have occurred for invasive species programs in state agencies over time, emphasizing the need for a new collaborative approach to support long-term sustainable multi-taxa funding for invasive species in Oregon.

A number of potential options exist for funding invasive species programs including dedicating a percentage of user fees currently in existence, assessing new user fees focused on pathways and vectors, and working with federal partners on some of their current vectors.

Decision Item: The Council voted in support of FISO, a phased approach of developing a funding strategy for introduction in the 2015 Oregon legislative session”

Phase 1 includes developing a list of the highest risk vectors and pathways for the introduction and spread of invasive species across all taxa and activities; and recommending a series of “user fees” (both existing and new) associated with those activities (all stakeholders) calculating the

estimate revenue to be generated. It was stressed that fees need to result in a **value added** and that the funds need to be dedicated in statute. It was also noted that the cost/benefit of prevention and rapid response needs to be shown. In addition, clearly describing how those funds would be spent is critical to success and acceptance. Helping people understand the role of government in fighting invasive species is important. Involving industry in this effort is integral to success. It was suggested we should consider consulting with Senator Merkley's staff to discuss the federal funding piece of this initiative.

It was stressed that people need to think, not about what current programs exist and how the state is currently conducting business, but about what a system would look like that could efficiently fund a multi-taxa statewide invasive species program. Think about costed programs – what are the structures and systems to do this right?

Action Items: Dan Hilburn will take the lead in launching Phase 1 beginning March 2013.

NOVEMBER 2012 SUMMIT OUTCOMES

The Council walked through the outcomes of the 2012 summit. Many of the recommendations made at the summit could be incorporated into the strategy to develop a comprehensive long-term sustainable funding source for statewide multi-taxa invasive species programs. In addition, the Council described two potential **action items:**

- Creating space on the OISC website to describe which agencies regulate aspects of aquatic invasives.
- Advocating for national regulatory approaches to online purchases of invasive species via a letter to the National Invasive Species Council.

BACKYARD HABITAT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Gaylen Beatty of the Columbia Land Trust gave a presentation on the Backyard Habitat Certification Program and their desire to expand that program to another region of the state. The Council could assist in promoting the program using its social media tools.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Next meeting date and location—July 2013 in the Coos Bay area. **Action Item:** Lisa will send a Doodle poll to Council members checking their availability for dates.