

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016–2017

Created in 2001, the Oregon Invasive Species Council is the only state agency authorized to conduct a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort to prevent, detect, control, and eliminate invasive species.

MAINTAINED INVASIVE SPECIES REPORTING HOTLINES

- The OISC Invasives Hotline gathered over 2,000 reports of suspected invasive plants and insects as of October 2017
- The Squeal on Pigs Hotline for reporting feral pigs
- Website dedicated to educating citizens about the importance of invasive species and providing resources for education and involvement in managing and eradicating invasive species

EDUCATED THE PUBLIC ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES

- Expanded partnerships with Cooperative Weed Management Areas, Oregon State Extension, neighboring invasive species councils in U.S. and Canada, Pacific Northwest Economic Region Invasive Species
- Created new outreach materials: OISC outreach brochure, tabling materials and website
- Supported public engagement events with partners including Washington Invasive Species Council, Oregon Vegetation Management Association, and OMSI
- Supported the expansion of the Don't Pack a Pest campaign
- Updated Council publications including "Top Invaders" list

CONDUCTED EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- Facilitated the 2016 OISC Summit – "Protecting Oregon from Invasive Species: The Path Forward," which had 80 attendees in total
- Engaged with more than 300 people from across the state about invasive species issues, including 7 Council meetings in Astoria, Hermiston, Clackamas, Salem (2), Bend, and Portland
- Hosted 2016 awards for invasive species leaders in the state

DEVELOPED A STATEWIDE PLAN FOR INVASIVE SPECIES

- Developed and published the Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species and Action Plan
- Supported the development of Oregon's emerald ash borer readiness and response plan

PROVIDED A GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM FOR ERADICATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES

- Distributed \$231,000 in emergency funding from Invasive Species Emergency Control account for Sudden oak death EU1 strain and Japanese beetle eradication efforts



OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

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The Oregon State Legislature created the Oregon Invasive Species Council in 2001 as the state's leader to conduct a coordinated and comprehensive effort to address invasive species

Our vision is to eliminate, reduce, and mitigate the threats to Oregon from invasive species



Oregon Invasive Species Council Members work together through a network of cross-disciplinary partners to:

PROTECT OREGON'S NATURAL RESOURCES—AND KEY INDUSTRIES

Invasive species threaten local agriculture, forestry, hydropower facilities, water delivery systems, outdoor recreation opportunities, and tourism.

KEEP OREGON'S PEOPLE AND PLACES HEALTHY

Invasive species have the potential to jeopardize public health and to transform ecosystems, resulting in widespread economic and environmental harm. Invasive species can also lead to increased pesticide use and associated human health concerns.

SAVE MONEY THROUGH PREVENTION

The economic costs and damages associated with invasive species have been known to be devastating. Just 25 invasive weeds have the potential for an annual loss of \$1.8 billion in personal income to Oregonians and loss of 40,800 jobs.

ERADICATE HARMFUL INVASIVE SPECIES

The potential for wide-ranging consequences has made the fight against invasive species a bipartisan issue. Eradication of invasive species is possible when detected early with the resources to rapidly respond.

Thanks to the collaborative work of national, regional, tribal, state, and local partners, Oregon Invasive Species Council continues to protect Oregon from invasive species.

To read a full accomplishments report, and to learn more about invasive species programs across the state, please visit:
oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/accomplishments

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PUTTING OREGON’S STATEWIDE INVASIVE SPECIES STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACTION

Recent highlights of collaboration

OBJECTIVE I PREVENTION

example
ZEBRA AND QUAGGA MUSSELS

BOAT INSPECTION STATIONS: COLLABORATION BETWEEN Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State Marine Board, Jackson County, Klamath County, Malheur County, Oregon State Police, Oregon Tourism, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Parks, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Western Regional Panel, Pacific Northwest Economic Region.



In 2016, 16,825 watercraft were inspected. 391 intercepted watercraft were contaminated with aquatic invasive species (17 with Quagga or zebra mussels) and decontaminated. In 2017, 21,026 watercraft were inspected, of which 299 watercraft were contaminated with aquatic invasive species (16 with Quagga or zebra mussels) & decontaminated.



Share information and resources at meetings, support regional networks, communication, and relationship building to strengthen coordinated efforts.

OBJECTIVE II EARLY DETECTION, RAPID RESPONSE

example
ASIAN GYPSY MOTH

GYPSY MOTH TRAPPING PROGRAM: COLLABORATION BETWEEN Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Forestry, USDA APHIS PPQ, Customs and Border Protection, Port of Portland, US Forest Service, Portland Parks and Recreation, Oregon State University Extension & Oregon Forest Pest Detectors Program. Many additional partners supported the 2016 rapid response, including: public health organizations, SWCDs, neighborhood, community, and homeowners associations, and non-profit advocacy groups.



ODA trapped two Asian gypsy moths near Port of Portland in 2015. Treatment demanded a multi-agency effort in 2016. ODF and ODA worked together to implement the treatment strategy and the project was a success. Gypsy moths were not detected in follow-up traps.



Facilitate information and resource sharing, support community engagement and communication through a website, materials, community engagement strategy and event facilitation.

OBJECTIVE III CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

example
FERAL SWINE

SQUEAL ON PIGS CALLER HOTLINE: COLLABORATION BETWEEN USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, County Governments, Washington State, Idaho State, private landowners in Central Oregon, Bureau of Land Management, Trout Creek Restoration Project.



Feral swine greatly disturb soils, farmland and natural areas. Swine reproduce quickly and can spread diseases to humans. Dedicated eradication efforts in central Oregon have greatly reduced feral swine populations to approximately 200-500. Oregon, Washington and Idaho depend on this hotline for feral swine sightings.



Manage statewide Squeal on Pigs hotline for reporting feral swine sightings and disturbances, support communication to leverage resources & collaboration.

THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL PROVIDES THE MEANS FOR MULTI-AGENCY COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION TO MEET THE STATE’S GOALS.

Many state, federal, and tribal governments, as well as local government agencies and stakeholder groups, play a key role in managing invasive species. Addressing invasive species demands both robust invasive species management programs and dependable multi-agency collaboration.

The Council adopted a new Statewide Strategic Plan and Action Plan in December 2016 providing a guide for statewide, cross-agency collaboration around 5 key objectives.

OBJECTIVE IV EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

example
DON’T PACK A PEST PROGRAM

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH CAMPAIGN: COLLABORATION BETWEEN United States Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Port of Portland, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Customs and Border Protection, USDA APHIS-PPQ, Oregon State University, Oregon Sea Grant, International Student Program Administrators and Students, Northern Oregon International Educators, NAFSA.



The Don’t Pack A Pest Program educates travelers about the risks associated with carrying certain types of food, plants, or other agricultural items in passenger baggage. Since 2015, multiple state and federal agencies in Oregon have worked cooperatively to evaluate and expand the Don’t Pack a Pest message reaching dozens of new partners and thousands of students.



Create printed and digital outreach materials, facilitate information and resource sharing, support regional network connections, and build relationships to strengthen coordinated efforts.

OBJECTIVE V COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP

example
STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN

STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN: COLLABORATION BETWEEN Council members & their agency leadership, council committees, and invasive species professionals from around the state.



The Statewide Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for planning, strategies and recommended actions for the state to protect Oregon’s resources and economies from invasive species.



Coordinated the development of the strategic plan by organizing and spearheading outreach efforts to various stakeholders, continue to connect with regional leaders to align plans across the state & provinces, and coordinate implementation.

COLLABORATION WORKS

More examples of collaborative projects combating invasive species issues in Oregon:

- Oregon Forest Pest Detector Program & EAB Readiness & Response Plan
- Japanese beetle eradication in Washington County
- Cooperative West Coast Ballast Water Management
- Flowering Rush Strategy for the Columbia Basin & Cooperative Weed Management Areas
- Gorse Action Group

Learn more about these and other collaborative projects, and download the plan, at www.oregonianvasivespeciescouncil.org