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## Oregon Invasive Species Network Newsletter

April 9th 2024

The spring Oregon Invasive Species Council meeting was held on March 21, 2024, and was a great success! Catch up on all the topics discussed in the [Meeting Minutes on the OISC website.](#)



### Oregon Invasive Species Council Announces 2022-2023 Award Winners

Every biennium, the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) highlights, through special recognition awards, those people and organizations protecting Oregon's natural resources, economy, and quality of life from the devastating effects of invasive species. See highlights of the award ceremony below and follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up to date on member activity.

[View the full list of Award Winners on the OISC website.](#)



#### Service Award

Rick Boater (left) is presented with the prestigious Service Award, by Glenn Dolphin (right). Rick has served as an ex-officio member of the Oregon Invasive Species Council for nearly 20 years. Rick leaves ODFW with a legacy of ongoing invasive species management programs. Thank you Rick for all the amazing work that you do!



#### Jim Seeley Award

Robert Emanuel (center) received his award from Cody Holthouse (right) and Dr. Sam Chan (left). Created in honor of Jim Seeley (OISC Council Member 2015-2018), former Executive Director of the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, this award is presented to an individual or group who has demonstrated leadership at the local or regional level and beyond through collaborative efforts to protect cultural, natural, and economic resources from invasive species. Robert has been instrumental in protecting Oregon's natural landscapes for many years, his leadership on the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force and his tireless efforts to involve the local community in responding to this invasive species earned him this special commendation.



#### Outstanding Agency Partner Award

Matthew Mills (left), Dr. Wyatt Williams (center left) and Dr. Max Ragazzino (center right) received their award from Michelle Delepine (right). This award gives recognition for their efforts, going above and beyond the call of duty to respond to Emerald Ash Borer, leading education and outreach efforts, coordinating partners, offering trainings and presentations to multiple audiences, facilitating and participating on the Emerald Ash Borer Task Force and other organizing to respond to this serious threat to our native ecosystems.

#### Sandra Denyes Diedrich Award

Dr. Sylvia Behrens Yamada (left), Oregon State University received her award from Dr. Sam Chan (right). Created in honor of Sandy Diedrich, the founder of the Forest Park Ivy Removal Project (No Ivy League), this award is presented to the person or organization making the most outstanding contribution to protecting Oregon from invasive species. This year the Council has chosen to recognize Dr. Sylvia Yamada's extensive efforts focused on understanding one of Oregon's most potentially destructive species, the green crab.



#### Industry Partner Award

Ryan Ramage (left), Valley Environmental, LLC, received this award from Dr. Wyatt Williams (right). This award is presented to the private industry individuals or company that has made a significant difference in protecting Oregon from invasive species. When Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered Ryan Ramage and Valley Environmental, LLC, based in Canby, OR, stepped up with their licensed and registered air curtain incinerator (ACI).

#### Service Award

Dr. Shawna Bautista (center), USDA Forest Service (retired), received her award from Dr. Cat DeRivera (right) and Dr. Sam Chan (left). Shawna represented the USDA Forest Service on the Council from 2014-2022. Her most important accomplishments directly to the council included her work on the Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species (2017-2027) and its parallel 5-year action plan.



### Thank you all for a fantastic spring meeting!



### Invasive Species Career Opportunities

Work with Clark County: Weed Control Technician - Public Works (Public position through 2025). [Find job details and application instructions here.](#)

Work with WSDOT: Biologist/Environmental Permitting Specialist – TPS3. [Find job details and application instructions here and information on other careers with WSDOT here](#)

### Missed our Last Newsletter?

#### Last Issue Highlights:

North American Invasive Species Management Association 32nd Annual Conference September 30th - October 3rd. Presentation Summaries due May 7th details can be found on the [NAISMA Invasive Species Conference Presenters webpage](#).

Presentation topics can include but are not limited to:

- Innovative control and eradication strategies
- Biodiversity conservation in the face of invasive species
- Climate change impacts on invasive species dynamics
- Community engagement, education, and outreach initiatives
- Case studies and success stories in invasive species management

### Oregon Invasive Species Network

*The network includes all key players, partners and any entity or individual with a stake or interest in protecting Oregon from invasive species. The Oregon Invasive Species Network (OISN) serves as a hub for information and a means for collaboration and coordination across the spectrum of invasive species efforts. The OISN plays a key role in partnering with the Oregon Invasive Species Council.*

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