

OISC business meeting minutes 3/21/17

Astoria, Oregon

Summary of Actions

- Rian moves to declare an emergency for the EU1 SOD in southern Oregon and that the council approve a release of \$81,000 to ODF to conduct control and eradication activities. Helmuth seconds the motion.
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 - Michelle moves to approve minutes with corrections. Wyatt and Rick second the motion.
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Welcome and introductions (Rick/All)

- Additional welcome to the three new council members joining us today: Meg, Emily and Kathy. Additional materials in their new member packets.

Approval of meeting minutes from Dec 13th

Call for corrections to the December 13th meeting minutes.

- o Comment from Michelle: On the second to last page of minutes (additional comment: good idea to include page numbers on notes) there is a typo under advisory committee in committee updates add space after for_a
- o Comment from Rian: clarification on second page
 - Mark's question was also about governor's natural resources office and who would roll out that plan to a larger audience
 - Rephrase to so it does not seem like Rian ignored his comment

Michelle moves to approve minutes with corrections. Wyatt and Rick second the motion. No additional questions or discussion. Vote is called. All council members in attendance and remotely accessing gave unanimous approval. Motion approved.

Coordinator update (Jalene)

Discussion and review of the actions and adaption needed to move the Statewide Strategic Plan forward. How should the council disseminate the information?

- o How do we disseminate the information?
 - Outreach kits
 - Q: Jalene to council: appropriate to put on the website or should rather email around
 - o Response: Should post to website
- o Endorsements of the plan – what would that look like?
 - Need to get agency directors on board
 - Q: Glen – should we get an official signature page going around so high level management can officially sign off they endorse
 - o Should be a statement for department head and a different one for partners/folks doing work on the ground
 - o Shawna – signature from heads, and cooperators
 - o Q: Tania – going to meet with heads and get signatures?
 - a) First we will send a copy in the mail with the request, then

follow up

- o Feature stories and info getting up on the website
- o Revisiting legislative toolkit series for the website
- o Visiting with partners in other parts of the state collecting photos and support efforts
- o Tabling – need to have an outreach kit that can be used widely for tabling events
- Communications
 - o Re: branded website
 - Channels of information, strategies, talking points, separating work into topics – referring to “news channel”
 - Spotlights on organizations people and collaborations, success and challenge lessons, IS in the news, art and media and network access –i.e. how to get involved
 - Q: Michelle D. how often to post stories?
 - o a) weekly for now but need to develop more directed strategy/schedule
 - Web resources
 - First priorities
 - o Risk assessments
 - o Response plans
 - o Council member programs and plans
 - Q: Shawna – do we have all the products that council has produced or contracted out?
 - o a) we have quite a few, not sure if we have all exactly
 - Shawna – that should be a priority to demonstrate the body of work that the council has produced
 - Rian – risk assessments were well vetted and should have been passed along
 - Wyatt – top 100 list should be in priority list also
- Regional coordination
 - o IS and Exotic pests workshop in WA – great workshop and participation, diverse audience attended, interesting conversation around pairing up combating invasives and combining with other conservation actions
 - o Monthly regional coordinator call – MT, AK, ID, WA and OR
 - Q: Mark – has anyone contacted BC?
 - a) no response when Justin from WA has tried
 - Michelle: I have a contact up in BC that could help make the connection
- May 2017 participation in Best management practices workshop
- WA/OR joint meeting re-cap
 - o Priority issues: address pathways, detector networks and reporting, collaboration and capacity, messaging/communications, connecting conservation and invasive species
 - detector networks and reporting – WA wants to know more about lessons learned with forest pest detector program and our hotline
 - Rian – question about PNWER status? Jalene and Mark joined IS working group phone call for upcoming PNWER meeting in July
 - Mark – coast economic summit, want to hold in conjunction with PNWER. Kate Wilson new co-chair, next call supposed to be end of this month or first of April
 - Jalene will send notes from last call out to council
 - Shawna – info on ecosystem process restoration on the dunes, snowy plover etc. could be a cool thing to highlight
 - Q: Glenn focus on coastal issues?
 - o Mark a) Not exclusively, will be small part of total summit
 - Wyatt: Wild Rivers Coast Alliance good fit for that theme – gorse and sudden oak death
- Don't pack a pest
 - o Wrapping up this year's project details

- Outreach materials, info on the OISC website, social media, white paper
 - Farm bill funding approved for phase II of the collaboration
 - Kayla summarized second phase and will be attending meeting
 - Reminder from Tania to be sensitive to current political climate with international student travel
- Committees
 - o Support from committees will help to implement strategic plan
 - o Advisory committee thinking about different ways to engage with stakeholders
 - Information forum one possibility
 - Need for more specific topics to help engage folks
 - Wyatt: kudos to this two day meeting – really liked the format for this meeting, information sharing on first day plus a potential open forum to allow more attendees to share and inform council
 - Meg agrees super helpful
 - Mark: next step is what is happening on the ground and how can the council help support
 - Q: Glenn is that what the next meeting will be like?
- Summer Meeting in Pendleton
 - o Opportunities for local forum: what topics should we include?
 - Dan: Sage ground and medusa head could be a good topic especially for that location – an update on what’s going on “on the ground”
 - Rian: second that – also could get an update re: sage-con
 - Wyatt: yes great, another one is fire risk + invasive annual grasses – Wyatt will provide a contact for that
 - Shawna: some good info from their folks on medusa head connection with fire risk in Ochoco’s
 - Mark: flowering rush
 - Elaine: cheatgrass research, bio treatment?
 - Shawna really interested in hearing from a private landowner on economic challenges and issues related to invasives and how it impacts their property values/costs – cool to hear firsthand accounts
 - Michelle – maybe going out to an impacted site
 - Helmuth: have a member of the weed board out in Pendleton
 - Mark: Talk to Mark Porter
 - Glenn: Lori from the governor’s office interested in attending, maybe we invite her to speak. Rian: Maybe Salem meeting is better time to have her come
 - Wyatt: need to consistently invite gov office to meetings – try to maintain connection
 - Shawna: new legislative liaison at USFS – asking about how to keep supporting ODA programs etc.,
- Top 100
 - o Previous discussion to separate out by prevention species that aren’t here, EDRR type species and control and management species
 - Currently posted on website
 - o Who can we partner with to enhance the resource as it is? How do you use it?
- Invasive reporting hotline
 - o Outreach and process
- Presentation from Tania
 - o Include links to the websites and PDF presentation
 - o WISE program: has been doing teacher workshops; resources to integrate invasive species education into their classroom; use invasive species to talk about science; incorporating learning benchmarks and STEM. In the past, have given out small grants to teachers. Launching a website for curriculum for teachers called Menace to the West. Provide link on the OISC website. Resources for teachers and a teacher network that council members can share

information including a request from Helmuth to send information out to teacher network re: bugs. Answer: yes, they can do that. WISE blog: blogs.oregonstate.edu/wise/

- o Active Facebook page, Kayla posts to the page. Share with the OISC social media. Discussed poster contest. Twice a year trainings for field crews and professionals to enhance awareness, identification and prevention.
- o Shifted to start talking about the education & outreach activities; recap from the committee phone call from Friday. A lot of other ideas about what the council can do. Can we have a signature program for the council that allows us to reach multiple audiences and share our work. Activity: education and outreach actions compared to the activities that we have talked about in the past. Tania will compile and show in lunch.
- o Question from Mark: Community based social marketing - bring up at the Oregon/Washington conversation about messaging. Coordinators will look into the effort and overlay with the work that we are doing.
- o <http://www.toolsofchange.com/en/programs/community-based-social-marketing/>

Department of Forestry Request for Emergency control funds: Sudden Oak Death EU1 Eradication Effort (Wyatt)

The Oregon Department of Forestry is requesting funds from the OISC Emergency Control Fund to eradicate a newly detected strain of Sudden Oak Death. The project lead is Susan Nevaro (sp?). Sudden oak death (SOD) impacts many species but in Oregon causes complete tree death in tan oak. SOD was first detected in Oregon in 2010. At that time eradication was not possible but rather the focus shifted to slowing the spread. Detection surveys were conducted both by aerial and ground surveys. The disease treatment process includes delimiting an area with a 300 to 600 foot buffer around the infected trees. Research has backed up this buffer as an effective way to locally eradicate. The cost to treat in this way ranges from \$3000 to \$5000 per acre and also includes sampling post treatment to ensure the treatment was effective. It is critical to act quickly before the disease area spreads and buffer zones become large. In 2016 65 new SOD sites were detected and the EU1 lineage was discovered for a second time near the Pistol River. The EU1 lineage is particularly alarming as there is evidence out of Europe that it also can spread and potentially cause tree death in conifers including Douglas fir, in comparison to the already established strain that only causes mortality in tan oak. An eradication effort began to target the EU1 positive trees and half of that effort was completed, but the project ran out of funds and had to stop operations. Federal dollars that were promised to assist in completing the effort were promised but the delivery of those funds has been slowed and they have still not been delivered and it is unclear if/when they would become available. There are 26 acres left to treat with a maximum cost of \$86,000 to complete the project. Oregon Department of Forestry is requesting \$81,000 from the OISC emergency control fund to complete this project while it is still possible to eradicate the EU1 strain. The EU1 strain of SOD is currently on the OISC worst 100 list.

Discussion:

- o Question from Shawna: Can the OISC control account funds be used as match for federal dollars?
 - Response: yes we hope so as it will help the funds to go twice as far.
- o Question from Rian: If the other federal money that has been promised is just delayed but does get delivered can ODF pay back the control account funds at that time?
 - Response: unsure but hope that is an option
- o Comment from Rian: EU1 is a good use of the OISC control account funds
- o Question from Helmuth: What is the commitment from affected industry groups?
 - Response: They want to keep the quarantine area as small as possible to minimize the effect on industry activities, there has been great help with in-kind support from some

groups, but none have provided funds. The hope is that the newly formed SOD task force can help to increase support from industry groups however the timeline for that is much slower than what is needed for the EU1 eradication project.

- o Question from Rian: Is the concept of reimbursement to the control account a condition on moving forward with a vote? Response: no, we should move quickly on this issue.
- o Comment from Rian: This issue is also an opportunity for the OISC to share with legislators and others how the control account can be used and the importance of having these funds available to protect Oregon from invasive species.

Motion for Declaration of Emergency and Vote

Rian: moves to declare an emergency for the EU1 SOD in southern Oregon and that the council approve a release of \$81,000 to ODF to conduct control and eradication activities. Helmuth seconds the motion. Rick asked for additional discussion. There was none. Shawna and Nicole abstained from the vote. All in favor say aye, (responses) All opposed say nay (no responses). A unanimous vote of approval was recorded from all present and remote attendees. The Motion passes.

- Helmuth: Funds from e-board for Japanese beetle and light brown apple moth
 - o Rian: also work on getting \$\$ back into OISC control account
 - o Note: Still don't have enough \$\$ to support coordinator and council
- 100k short for coordinator funds in coming fiscal year
 - o Rick – could all state agencies involved by legislative rule (ex officio) consider pitching in 15-20k to support? Should also include PSU and OSU – but may be more difficult to do that
 - o Glenn – we support that request but all agencies need to contribute not just one two or three
 - o Way to have all agency long term buy in to keep council/coordinator going – demonstration of commitment
 - o Helmuth – will discuss with budget folks to see if there is a way to move things around to help out
 - o Rian – will also run up the chain to start conversation
 - o Then have Glenn's director bring it up at natural resources Council meeting – make sure everyone is in the loop first
 - o Glenn would like ball park estimate – ask is 20k per state agency
 - o Rian: history 50k from state, 100k from other sources: federal & grant money – major changes along the way in 15-17 biennium got one time 100k, but now fed partners unable to contribute, current focus of coordinator has been content/plan development not on grant funding etc., so now we are going into next biennium without a lot of funds
 - o Cat: not looking great for PSU to be able to contribute – dean trying to cut funds to CLR
 - o Wyatt: need for the creative sales pitch for higher ups to understand what their contribution is paying for – legislative mandate they are on the council, more clarity on cost-benefit
 - Glenn: maybe a one-pager to help with this, suggest we revisit in June
 - Rian: get the info to directors now through email as heads up rather than wait until June
 - Rick: present as continuing rather than one time
 - Helmuth: let's get some more state folks onto the council so the contribution can be more distributed
 - Glenn: Takes legislation – maybe in the 2019 session
- Advisory Committee
 - o Scheduling a conference call again soon
 - o Brainstorm some events that it would be good for the council to attend
- Review and plus/delta for hotline reporting process

- Website
 - Michelle: Vern Holm monitors reports and if there is a backlog of unclaimed reports he will nudge to get them addressed
 - Tania: Spreadsheet with roles and responsibilities (also held by Vern)
 - History of hotline, created by OPB in conjunction with silent invasion
 - Early on maintained by Lisa D., Tania and Vern
 - Coordinator and other folks can sign up to be a manager of a taxa or all taxa or even sign up for individual weeds
 - Lindsay Wise also main person involved
 - Rian: if its working fine with Lindsay and Vern, no need for coordinator to get too involved
 - Shawna: They cover OR and WA so the materials with just the OR number may not be as good to be posted in both states
- Hotline
 - OSU working on Spanish language materials – could Spanish language be added to hotline?
 - Question when someone calls in they are then asked to submit a form – are we missing info if folks don't want to also submit a form after calling
 - Helmuth: issue – lots of calls for boat permits, get routed back to Glenn
 - Do have an answering system in place for the hotline in case no one can answer
- Website
 - Tania: both hotline's create opportunities to engage with folks and reporting opportunity for how many calls and how we responded
- How to move this forward
 - Place to direct folks through tabling and other trainings the hotline really gives a clean streamlined way for folks to report
- Tania update
 - Review results from exercise from earlier
 - Totals of how many objectives were checked for each action
 - Could summarize the numbers differently to show more meaningful results

Committee Updates

- Legislative (Rian) – no specific bills that the council has been pushing through or working with a champion on
 - That said still lots to keep an eye on
 - Every week or so Rian sends out table of bills that are being tracked along with notes
 - Synopsis includes whether or not OISC has taken a position on
 - Priority 1 being highest
 - Status
 - Anyone wants to be added to list let Rian know
 - Dan: was able to speak to three senators and five representatives in support of weed management funding (HB2043)
 - Michelle: depending on your organization you can provide written testimony as long as it doesn't attempt to have an opinion, factual statements
 - Wyatt: for new members – Council is quasi state agency
 - Have coordinator contact sponsors of these bills and make sure they are aware of the council and the strategic plan, offering our support?
 - Helmuth: Arundo is back – but PGE is giving up on Arundo as biofuel, pilot study closing down
 - Glen: HB2486 – probably headed down the no action path, HB2321 had public hearing,

received positive reception with several minor concerns from committee members, one of which was – how dry does the boat have to be to meet language of clean drain dry, concern with making it a misdemeanor crime to not stop (hang-up on this right now – another meeting to work through this today including OSP), and concern with removing the 10 ft. cut off (dropped). Broad support.

- Wyatt: HB3151 funds for SOD
- Helmuth: HB814 and HB2535 Jenny Dressler wrote it – trying to replace noxious weeds with native nectaring plants for pollinators – propose to create a native pollinator fund (research and habitat) supposed to go into ways and means committee for funding, had a hearing already was very positive.
- Rian: last comment had been a bill 2918 – the only one that specifically mentioned council to propose penalties to control account. Another 3232 coming from condor and grizzly bear introductions in WA and CA
- Budget and finance (Jalene)
 - Review of handout
 - Q: Rian: confirming that we will spend down all general funds before end of fiscal year. A: Yes.
- Bylaws (Glenn) – no updates, they need to be updated
 - History: previous member tasked with reviewing bylaws, but that evolved to strategic plan so bylaws were dropped
- Communications
 - Communications plan review (handout)
 - Identified need for talking points, developed a draft and sent around
 - Understanding primary audiences – updated
 - Channels – ways council specifically is getting the word out
 - Focus on streamlining and partnering
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - One central place where information and topics are plugged into
 - Working document to continue to update and tidy up timing and content of communications
 - Discussion? None
 - **Motion to adopt communication plan as a working document. Rian moves to adopt communications plan as living document. Shawna seconds the motion.**
 - Q; Wyatt: Timeline and what is the end product? Michelle: is there an action/tracking piece as well?
 - A) Jalene will need support – products will be to use this as one of the tools that will go with one pager/outreach toolkit
 - !: Tania: Talking about communicating council work and products so as we develop new products they would be included as well
 - A) yes
 - Other discussion? No
 - **All in favor aye, (yes from Quinton remotely, Cat already off phone), any opposed (no nay's)**
 - **Passed unanimously**

Open discussion

- Kris Crowley: Any tribal representatives currently on the council?
 - A) Not right now and hasn't been for a while
 - Question about restructuring for long term federal participation and tribal involvement as well
 - Current appointed system is the avenue for involvement right now

- Start thinking about 2019 legislative session proposals
- o Wyatt: National don't move firewood effort is revamping materials – want to combine OR and WA information on the posters – no obvious cost to OSIC for these new materials. Another thing they are working on is a new app called firewood scout – costs to participate and involves lots of work for the state/state investment but provides a way to identify clean firewood vendors. Would like commitment/response soon; council will not move forward with firewood scout, but council is good with including Washington and Oregon info on same poster.
- o Rian: Commission adopted new rules that took effect the first of this month to provide secondary assurance as ships develop new on board treatment of ballast water treatment
- o Shawna: reminder white nose syndrome is lurking at least two locations in Washington, in a couple months there is a national meeting of a caving association in Bend – effort to be sure that isn't a major white nose introduction event. This is a great example of a story to tell legislators and others about threats.

Attendees

Nicole Brooks, CBP
 Shawna Bautista, USFS
 Kathy Leopold, OWEB
 Meg Raabe, APHIS,
 Kris Croney, BPT
 Rick Boatner, ODFW
 Wyatt Williams, ODF
 Dan Sherwin, Member OISC
 Glenn Dolphin, OSMB
 Elaine Ryback, Adv. Comm
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 Maureen Minister, Port of Portland
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 Jalene Littlejohn, Samara Group
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