

Oregon Invasive Species Council

June 14th - 15th Meeting Minutes

Date: 2016-06-14 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Deschutes County Services Building, Bend, Oregon

Introductions

March 2015 Meeting Minutes

Pending Rick Boatner's minor edits in google docs.

Motion to accept March meeting minutes:

- Rian moved to approve the March meeting minutes.
- Dan Sherwin seconded the motion
- All in favor, none abstaining.

Coordinator Update

Momentum on committees, working groups, and other projects that will be provide updates throughout the day.

To finalize the Top 100

To view the Top 100 list:

[The Top 100 Most Dangerous Invaders to Keep Out of Oregon!](#)

Proposed updates:

African clawed frog can survive water and drought conditions easily, survive in ponds and high pollution and they eat all other frogs. Puget Sound research seems to indicate intentional release. Populations may be lab experiments or pet store release. May be ripe for outreach and education.

Proposed removals:

Sudden Oak Death: Potentially extremely expensive invasive. Can stop the export of Douglas Fig. If it leaves the list, where does it go?

Discussion on how to use Top 100 list:

How we use the Top 100 is important. Current two criteria for list: Not known to occur in Oregon, and limited in its distribution. Small contained range = contained and under active eradication. Not the definition under the Top 100 list. Quarantine boundaries for SOD were extended by ODA, as soon as it passes the border of the current location, the entire Curry County would be claimed. Compliance agreements with nurseries to eliminate are being used. The list includes some species under active control ie cordgrass.

Website doesn't give much attention to species not on the Top 100, which is a list of species not here yet, not easily distinguishable on website. Should the name change to "Worst Invaders" or create more than one list?

Discussion:

Clarifying language, but next to 100 worst list, put "worst invaders". Changing the name may help. Name Change consideration to better meet goals: "Invasive Species Threats". Top 100 has good brand recognition.

Intent of list: Clarify the 100 threats are things that are not here. Or a Second list that falls somewhere along the line, a catalog of things that are causing problems in Oregon? A list that identifies what we have to keep out, and what is already here and we want to eliminate, so where we know to put efforts. A list of important species we want to keep out and has a serious risk in Oregon, and use as a tool for education. A list of species we don't want here, or is fairly restricted and under active eradication.

Both lists are educational rather than regulatory. Agencies aren't waiting for a species to arrive, rather looking ahead to see if the potential for a problem exists. One list lumped with categories? One list queried by categories, to find smaller lists. Such as organized by the five strategic objectives of the statewide plan.

Rian: Include already existing and nonexisting species on Top 100 list.

Action Item: Communications group to work with Samara to refine the Top 100 list to better capture taxa for communication purposes. Council approves refinement and renaming of the Top 100 based on the 5 strategic objectives. Communications group will bring back to Council for final approval. Council is supportive of moving forward.

Partner Presentations

- Clint Burfitt presentation on AGM: Clint gave a presentation to wrap up the AGM project from beginning to end, noting the collaboration with the OISC as an important part of the process.
- ❖ Kristopher (Kris) Crowley, Mechanical Removal of Brook Trout in the Upper Malheur River, Oregon: Kris gave a presentation about the Burns Paiute Tribe's efforts to remove Brook Trout from the Upper Malheur River. Brook Trout are impacting sensitive habitat of the Bull Trout among other fish and stream species. [Mechanical Removal of Brook Trout in the Upper Malheur River, Oregon: A Feasibility Study](#)
- ❖ Don't Pack a Pest Update, Oregon State University, SeaGrant: Kayla presented the findings from OSU's research on the Don't Pack a Pest Project. ["Don't Pack a Pest!" Survey on Oregon's University International Students](#)
- ❖ Shawna L. Bautista, Forest Service Invasive Species Management: Shawna gave a presentation on the Forest Service's Invasive Species policy and management. [For the Greatest Good: Forest Service Invasive Species Management](#)

Committee Restructure

A Non-governmental org makes sense. A non-governmental voice should be at the table. We're at a point we're slowing down, looking at a new model may be opportune. We need to be conscious to not create a funding competition. What is the role of OISC? Will/can State agency members vote?

Jas: "Friends of", 501c3 model would be good for shareholders who are non-governmental. Distinct roles for Interagency Council vs Independent organization. Can do what we are doing under the current structure; an independent entity can form at any time. A restructure could establish more buy-in. Making agency folks exofficio regular members may increase their participation.

Rian: Food for thought, need stakeholder engagement for the strategic plan.

Leadership for the "other" group could come from: industry (advisory), public leaders, Participation would allow a broader range of people to be involved and critiques actions. Outside group could work with elected officials in a greater capacity. The groups would need to be very transparent. We have no control over what outside entities create or do. Our legislative concept would be that the state government wants that shareholder engagement. The current forum may not be the best way to achieve all of the goals of the council.

How will the foundation side be enticed to participate? Example: the weed control program in ODA. They have a financial interest in increasing the funding for weed control. The foundation group may want to increase in another way. The coordination could come out of the interagency council with industry partners. Different opportunities for both groups to do different things. Coordination and shared vision may be difficult between two groups. The current structure doesn't allow for lobbying, which created a lot of the effective programs we have now, leads to low participation in the council's mission.

The Council has done some excellent outreach and education, but it's been spread thin trying to do a number of things. May not take the lead on developing. Discussion can continue, no decisions are being made right away.

Legislative

Marine Board legislative concept has been approved.

Legislative concepts: could do a "smaller" lift for a 2017 legislative concept for housekeeping. Many agencies don't want to "open up their statutes" to the legislature. The Strategic plan lays the foundation for the state.

Budget/Finance

Council members went through budget including income and the one-time allocation from the legislature. POP development - ODA's staff is applying for continuation of \$150k now, supported by the Director, Katy Coba. ODA will put OISC funding into list for approval. OISC is not high on the priority list. Each agency is required to provide a 10% cuts list. Rian pointed out that at the meeting with governor's office, request the \$100,000 line item either through the ODA budget; governor's office needs to approve it; needs to be approved by the legislators through the budget process.

To get that to happen, need to have agency directors at the table. Statute says that ODA can enter into interagency agreements to share the administrative duties of the Council. Governor's office would say at the cabinet, we want all of the agencies around the table and get them to kick in for the council. Fiscal agent has usually put together the POP. The interagency agreements for the Don't Pack a Pest and Asian Gypsy Moth outreach through coordinators are outside of the \$150,000 maximum restriction. AGM and other essential work is above the contracted amount, but is supported by ODA. ODA is short currently, translating to 6% of the budget. Need to meet \$12,000+ for budget expenses.

How to ask for contributions from other agencies? Immediate next priority after strategic plan will be fundraising for the coordinator team. Need to start "lobbying" with other agencies. The context of how this needs to happen is at the natural resources cabinet to describe shared administrative costs.

Why aren't other agencies (besides ODA) putting into POP's? It would need to happen at the cabinet level. The statutes allows for partners to share in funding the council. The governor's office could direct each of the five agencies to pitch in. Natural Resources cabinet - would be ideal place to ask for money, point out statute includes all agencies in funding proposal, ask for smaller pots from multiple agencies. Legislative champions could push agenda. State employees can lobby other agencies, just not legislature. Clear Nexus with multiple agencies, taxa, invasive species coordination issues. Fundraising could start now, possibly be directed through Samara?

If council decides to move forward with structure change, than the strategic plan may need to pause. The strategic plan could make recommendations for future changes.

Advisory Committee

An invite was sent to a number of outside people, one ended up joining: Tom Wolf. Ressa Dimassi is starting to re engage. Personal engagement, or face to face may help advisory committee be able to provide input. How does the council want to receive and deal with communications? Example: lionfish as an educational tool. How to engage in two-way communication? Would scheduling an in-person meeting help? One new member. Trying to make sure that the group feels that they can give advice.

Education & Outreach Committee

Team approached the strategic plan in the context of education & outreach. How they can leverage projects to reach out to new partners? Thinking of creative ways to reach audiences through things already being done. Considering how to work with agencies to get materials out. Example: Highschool poster examples allows a process for engaging a large number of kinds of audiences. Looking to get Don't Let it Loose posters out there to be used by agencies and partners. How can we make better use of these products to engage with our stakeholders?

Take one of the evaluative strategies and see how effective it was and perhaps worth repeating.

New Promise intern, Anisha McLoud, shared with OISC and Sea Grant is starting soon. Promise program is about mentoring to improve the student's professional skills. The project she'll be working on is still being decided upon.

Communications update

If partners need help with tabling, materials, presentations, please contact the Coordinator; Samara Group. Coordinators are putting out regular contact on social media (Facebook & Twitter) which is increasing our online presence and support. Our outreach needs to diversify. Council can help support different agents, by directing info note to Coordinator/Samara for wider

dissemination. WA has a dedicated communication staff; one of their success stories with AGM was their ability to push out education information.

If we split out the Top 100 into species of concern - could we include species such as the smallmouth bass? If questions come up on social media, we can direct to other agencies and cross post.

Member Updates

Gorse Action Group

Jim Seeley gave a small presentation about the Gorse issue in Bandon. Gorse is a fire threat and is located on many acres in downtown Bandon; it burns fast (52 acres in half hour). He is hoping that their project will be accepted as an Oregon Solutions project.

- [Gorse Action Group](#)

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Craig Rowland: Environmental Education staff for USFWS located at the Zoo, can use the staff to get the word out about invasive species.

High Valley, Enterprises LLC

Dan Sherwin gave a presentation on Yellow flag Iris eradication on public and private property in Central Oregon.

- [Yellowflag Iris in Central Oregon](#)

Partner Presentation

Cat deRivera on Invasive Species Research and Opportunities for Partnership

- [Invasive Species Research and Opportunities for Partnership](#)

No public comments were expressed.
Roundtable

Meeting adjourned

Attendees:

Jalene Littlejohn, OISC Coordinator, Samara Group
Melissa Howes, Samara Group
Leslie Bliss-Ketchum, Samara Group
Helmuth Rogg, Oregon Department of Agriculture

Katie Lompa, Oregon Department Forestry
Nicole Brooks, Customs & Border Protection
Jim Seeley, Wild River Coastal Alliance
Shawna Bautista, US Forest Service
Maureen Minister, Port of Portland
Tania Siemens, Oregon State University SeaGrant
Anisha McCloud, Oregon State University SeaGrant
Noelle Moen, Oregon State University SeaGrant
Rian Hooff, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Michelle Delepine, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
Dan Sherwin, High Valley Enterprises
Glenn Dolphin, Oregon State Marine Board
Bill Reynolds Jr., Warm Springs Tribe
Craig Rowland, US Fish and Wildlife Service
Clint Burfitt, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Kris Crowley, Burns Paiute Tribe
Mark Sytsma, Portland State University
Dave Williams, USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services
Elaine Rybak, Advisory Committee
Keith Brown, Northwest Youth Corps
Rick Boatner, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
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June 15th Meeting Minutes

Date: 2016-06-15 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Deschutes County Services Building, Bend, Oregon

In field: Tumalo Day Park, Deschutes River

Introductions

Review Annual Report

Feedback: It's concise, people will actually read and digest it. Visually great. A document that summarizes everything going on would be useful, each agency can put an addition for what they've done. Highlight the partnerships or relationship where the council resulted in a particular product. Synergy of the council creating a product that can highlight actions.

The final annual report should be created for a particular audience. What is the objective? How the council is supported financially, not a spreadsheet, but to give the audience an idea of how the council operates, would help to garner support for council. Good for legislators to use.

Report mentions funding acknowledge lots of individual programs, non specific, but for the council what we have to do the council's work and highlight the funds for grant.

Return on investment; have the agencies worked out? Could be included. Fluid discussion can highlight risks to the economy and environment if invasives are not controlled. Helps the public see we operate on a shoestring, rather than on a large budget.

Bar chart that shows how the budget has flowed over time, a person can see if the budget is growing. Might be problematic with the one time increase from last year. Bar chart can show other contributions and funding from federal partners, and other sources, and can see how it has gone down over the years.

Is the hotline the councils? We pay a monthly fee, is hosted by ODA. the council provides funding for the phone line, webiste money came from forest service, the subject needs to be divided into, could be a partner project, not council. Numbers of calls, etc. on the phone line could be reported. it is a live phone line, a person with ODA answers.

Website: Report the number of reports and the responses to the reposts. There's a network of people who follow up on reports.

List the partners and numbers, agencies, ngo's, etc. Needs FS logo and civil rights wording.

Original idea of Annual Report design was a short shell that could be reused yearly. A stand alone, modular document could be supplemented with extra reports with more detailed information from that year, as needed. For example add the the leg. Toolkit, partner updates, etc. More to come.

On line version could link to the videos.

The folks who win the annual awards, list who they're with? Generally awards are for the person.

Statewide strategic action plan, continued

To talk about what's important to partners, right now, the next few years, and to take us to the next level, the detail we haven't discussed yet. Getting at the details, is there funding? How to get done? Action plan is a 2 year plan.

Group activity:

Marketplace, Open Space - talk about any topic that is a priority for you.

As a group, pick 8 individual topics, divide into 4 groups, rotate through 2 rounds, record discussion content on worksheet.

- Ideally action items would be linked to the 10 year plan, but not limited.

Synthesis of the planning activity reflected in the statewide strategic plan.

Next Steps, Strategic Planning & Summit

As part of the council meetings, the agency representatives can do a report of how they have interacted with agency directors.

Is it better to have something ready for the director to review? Or is it better for the director to sit down with the staff and create a plan? Best mechanism to engage with agency planning processes? All agency programs have plans, how to engage in planning process? When do we want to take strategic plan to the cabinet? Fleshed out plan? Or working with director to develop? Directors want to be apprised of any conflicts.

- ODA - beginning a new long term strategic plan - Helmuth updates ODA director regularly.
- Forest Health Program -
- DEQ - director is aware OISC is in planning process. DEQ needs a fleshed out plan to review, before cabinet meeting.
- Marine board - director would want a draft to review.

- EMSWCD -
- USFWS - Agency is done with conservation plan, awaiting commission approval.

Further work on action items will require collating OISC input - meeting will be required.

July 5-15th will be council's opportunity to review the 10-year plan. Meanwhile, there will be an action planning working group. First full draft that will be ready for council review will be ready. "Potential Actions"

Goal at the cabinet meeting is to ensure that agency directors and others are all on board with the plan.

Put into action plan only those actions that are intended to be completed. The totality of action items will be divided throughout the ten year plan. Acknowledge and capture ideas, but put future considerations into the "parking lot". This is going to be the first time the agencies will see action items from the council. Need to be careful in presentation, so that directors can be comfortable with plan. Not all actions are council, some are state or regions to take. Opportunity for OISC to show agencies how the council can assist the agency. Reporting data, stats crucial. What did we do, who did we impact? If there's an action item that includes penalties, we might not include in the first session, but get ready to ramp up for the next plan.

There is a current plan: to raise the awareness of the cabinet and agency directors.

Summit is to present a draft for stakeholder input or those who haven't had input yet. Advisory committee is wide open to include more participants, recommendations are encouraged.

There's been a lot of outreach to expand the advisory committee, but not much interest. Open call for committee members.

The goal is to invite as many to the summit as possible for draft review. The summit is intended to be interactive process, to see what can be improved, recruit for committees. Also to build stakeholder engagement; a desire to include industry and broader stakeholder groups. Would it make sense to include non council agency leadership before the summit? All cabinet leadership representative before summit? The cabinet meeting would give those non council agencies to exposure before the summit. There will be a need to include those agencies in the final planning. The save the date for the summit needs to go out right after this meeting.

Advisory committee has been trained to actively recruit, it would be helpful if the committee had a clear purpose, the summit will help with that process. Advisory committee meeting scheduled next week. The committee represents a group of stakeholders to give the council feedback on the plan.

Roadmap project out to the legislative group before the first week of July. The coordinator will need to look at the breadth and depth of what that information would be. Jas is willing to coordinate or lead.

Discussion on combining the Summit and the Awards banquet. Honoring awardees at the luncheon allows consolidation of costs, having a broader audience present will increase council awareness. We're building a summit list, the stakeholder list. We'll be able to ask for nominations at the same time as invites. An award form will be sent out.

Summit will be held Sept 13th at Eola Hills Viticulture center at Chemeketa:

<http://www.chemeketa.edu/locations/eola/>

Legislative days are Sep. 21 - 23rd: [Legislative Committee Days](#)

No public comments or announcements.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

Jalene Littlejohn, OISC Coordinator, Samara Group
Melissa Howes, Samara Group
Leslie Bliss-Ketchum, Samara Group
Kev Alexanian, Crook County Weed Control
Will Lackey, Oregon Department of Transportation
Dave Langland, General public
Jas Adams, OSMB, Willamette University
Mike Crumrine, ODA Noxious Weed
Helmuth Rogg, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Katie Lompa, Oregon Department Forestry
Nicole Brooks, Customs & Border Protection
Jim Seeley, Wild River Coastal Alliance
Shawna Bautista, US Forest Service
Maureen Minister, Port of Portland
Tania Siemens, Oregon State University SeaGrant
Anisha McLoud, Oregon State University SeaGrant
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