

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Winter 2015 Business Meeting

Date: 2015-12-14 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Red Lion Hotel, Salem

Approved: March 15, 2016

Coffee/Greetings

Welcome, Agenda, Introductions

Welcome from Wyatt. Thank you to outgoing Council members for their service.

Call to order

Approval of October 2015 minutes

Suggested changes to the minutes: Tunicate report timeline should reflect the end of the year, need more information from divers and additional work happening this week. Dominic's update should read "European ear snail".

Motions

- Approve minutes with changes.
- Proposed by: Jas Adams and seconded by Dominic Maze.
- Outcome: All in favor

Action Items

- Update the minutes to reflect changes.
- Responsible: Jalene Littlejohn

New OISC Chair rotation - 2016 and beyond

Need to slightly amend the chair rotation due to Sam's sabbatical. Solution is to forego Sam (Sea Grant) as 2016 chair and move the rest of the rotation up one year, starting with Rian Hooff (DEQ) as Chair in 2016. Sam emphasized that Sea grant will remain involved with Tania Siemens will be serving in Sam's absence.

Motions

- Update the chair rotation.
- Proposed by: Sam Chan and seconded by Helmuth Rogg.
- Outcome: All in favor

Action Items

- Add updated chair rotation to the Google shared drive
- Responsible: Jalene Littlejohn

Committee Updates

Budget

OISC reviewed and discussed the budget report for income and expenses occurred between the last meeting and December 2015. Federal funds include farm bill grant funds for "Don't Pack a Pest" campaign and a contribution from Forest Service. Additional funding from ODA is being directed towards outreach efforts about the Asian gypsy moth detected in the Portland area; additional scope for the Coordinators. Rian pointed out that the OISC is in a good fiscal place for supporting coordination and meetings. The Council would like to see reports include account balances and additional scope funding for projects.

Wyatt pointed out a potential cost for a website update that would need to be approved by the Council. Chris Parker presented on the current traffic of the OISC website, complications with using the current RushWeb system and the need to move over the OISC website to streamline addition of a page for projects such as Asian gypsy moth outreach. The Council discussed the costs and benefits of switching to a different platform hosted by Samara Group. The new platform would increase ease and use for Samara. Chris identified that it is not difficult for him to migrate over the information from the OISC website and that hosting would cost no more, probably less than what we are currently paying for RushWeb when the contract is up in May. If Samara Group is no longer contractually obligated to maintain the site, Samara Group will migrate all information over to a Wordpress and Google Drive for a minimal cost.

Wyatt commended the Samara Group for meeting planning and details. Sam would like to have an update on Asian gypsy moth for the education committee and start working on work plans.

Wyatt used the opportunity to introduce David Williams, with APHIS wildlife services and the Feral swine program.

David: In 3rd year of funds in a collaborative effort. The more collaborative we can be the more we will be able to hold on and/or increase the funding. We are currently a level 2 in funding (~100K). Currently updating plan (Robyn). Need to continue communications back to all the partners and the people on the ground. Operations are mostly in North/Central Oregon. OISC played a role in the helping with the squeal on pigs. We helped with outreach and reporting.

Motions

- Support transition of the OISC website.
- Proposed by: Rian Hooff and seconded by Dan Sherwin.
- Outcome: All yes

Action Items

- Make sure that all updates include accounts including federal grants, additional scope items such as Asian gypsy moth outreach efforts
- Responsible: Jalene Littlejohn

Legislative

Rian: nothing to report but to be aware of timeline issues in regards to strategic planning and membership. Jas: Recommendations will come out of the development of the statewide strategic plan.

Advisory

Elaine: We met and revised the charter and encourages the council to review and comment. Big items include making sure the advisory committee is serving at the pleasure of the council and not getting into making policy, system to have people apply to serve on the advisory committee.

Jas: Has this been amended? No. Taking an issue with the word fundamental, would like to see it changed to "important or significant".

Sam: Thanked the advisory members for their service. Noted in the past, former council members would become advisory members.

Motions

- Approve charter with word changed to important/significant.
- Proposed by: Jas Adams and seconded by Catherine de Rivera.
- Outcome: All yes

Education

Non-native crayfish in Crater Lake:

Sam introduced a topic regarding non-native crayfish in Crater Lake that are replacing native newt populations. Watched an informational video.

What is the role of the OISC? Mark would like to partner with us on educational materials. Is this out of our purview? Is there a concern about the definition of native range? Not native to this basin.

Rian: this is a good case study for us to use as an educational tool. Good example for legislative toolkit?

Transitioned into talking about the legislative toolkit. Gravel pits are another good example. Need to send stories and ideas to Jalene. Cat asked that Jalene send out a list of those stories that Heath already collected or requested for this project. Council members could prioritize some stories for Jessica to photograph for the toolkit and the website.

Action Items

- Send out legislative toolkit information and request for stories with deadline.
- Responsible: Jalene Littlejohn
- Schedule an education committee meeting with Sam
- Responsible: Jalene Littlejohn

Break

Strategic Planning Working Group

Jas presented a summary from the December 1st strategic plan working group meeting held in Portland. The group had a great discussion about what a statewide plan should be and realized that there was a document that represents a state plan and the group decided that it needs to

be updated. According to the statute we must develop a plan that should include but not be limited to a review of statewide authority. It was decided that the plan would include three parts: a. High-Level, Strategic Priorities (10-year guiding document) b. Agency Recommendations (updated more often) c. Business plan for OISC

Takeaway point: The OISC is the only entity that has an invasive species coordination mandate as a planning agency.

The group also brainstormed management of vectors as a required statutory change. Helmuth asked for a definition of vector. Answer: Means by which invasive species are introduced, or otherwise called a "pathway".

The statewide plan would be external facing and for public consumption. Part C is the OISC workplan, instead of having multiple plans, the council would have one coordinated plan with parts that can be updated independently as needed. Many questions remain and the working group will be tackling them over time.

Council Discussion:

Wyatt: Will the action plan focus on the OISC as a state agency or are you thinking of telling agencies what to do. You may get kickback on the later. Rian: This plan will put things in a statewide perspective and act as a planning document. But it will not really be telling agencies what to do so much as what their role in the strategic plan is. Jas: director of the board that Jas is on has expressed concern about things happening without them knowing about it. Wyatt: What about the agencies that don't have a voice? Jas: Those that do not have strong invasive species programs would have a different role, those that do have invasive species programs should be brought into the group. Keep in mind that we are just planning and making recommendations as to what we think would be good for the state.

It has been discussed numerous times that ODOT is not at the table and probably should be. Wyatt brought it up to ODOT recently and his contact is looking into it.

Robyn: How will existing agencies plans play a role in our plan? Rian: talked about acknowledging existing plans and efforts. Robyn: As we are listing these plans we should be pointing out the gaps and overlap of those plans Wyatt: My only concern is that we do not alienate any agency not at the table. We have to make sure that we are inclusive during the whole process. We need to invite them to the table.

Wyatt: Would it be possible to have a working draft by May? Rian: we should aim to present at the summit. Open it up for input at the summit so we can get feedback. Summit has not been scheduled but it is usually late fall or early winter.

Wyatt offered to chair an OISC Summit working group to plan the summit and activities. Rian agrees that the summit workgroup is a good idea. Wyatt will chair. Glenn volunteers. Jalene will send out a call for volunteers to Council and committees. Rian: First task is to determine the goal of the summit.

Action Items

- Send out email to the advisory committee about summit workgroup
- Responsible: Jalene Littlejohn

Break

Presentation: Sudden oak death in Oregon; current status and future direction

Alan, pathologist from Oregon Department of Forestry presented on Sudden Oak Death (SOD) in Oregon, history and the issue that we are presented with. Tanoak is the driving species infected in Oregon. Natural spread up to 3 miles; more important is spread by humans. Three new introductions since discovered in 2001. Early detection through stream baiting and hanging oak leaf bags. 6000-6500 acres treated to date.

Open to ideas about the future of eradication efforts in Oregon. Should OISC take this on as a project?

Q&A: Does the spot eradication work to slow the spread? Yes sometimes. We aren't always able to eradicate fast enough.

Most sites are planted after.

What is California doing? They are not doing any ground truthing and very little eradication. Too late to do much after detection.

How much technical knowledge is necessary to survey? Training is possible.

Has anyone modeled the economic loss with spread? In 2010, there were a few models and all had strong cost/benefits but need to be revisited. Need to go beyond current analysis metrics.

Are you in communication with the extension office? Yes, they help with communication to land owners.

Are you collecting acorns? Not really, they do not store well. But looking for resistant trees.

What is replanted? Doug Fir, mostly.

Coordinator update

OISC Coordinators updated the Council on Jessica's experience taking photographs at a Tualatin River Weed removal event. Jessica is a trained field photographer and can take high quality photos to tell the story of our on-the-ground projects and partners.

Council members discussed types of recognition that could be delivered to partner groups such as certificates, give away materials, receiving copies of the high quality photos. It was noted that we should make sure the species in the images are clearly defined and SOLVe is involved with many weed pull events and can distribute certificates.

Jas: In addition to the positive stories there is a need for the more dramatic stories that can get attention.

Jalene asked the question of the Council, "How do you see the coordinators playing a role in coordinating among on-the-ground partners?"

Answers: website links to partners with clarifying roles, showing graphics/maps/data, do not promise too much to other organizations that we can not deliver, conduit for partners but not coordinators, support citizen science efforts.

Jas: useful for the coordinators to put together standard presentation materials.

Working lunch - Partner updates.

Mark Hitchcox: we need to have talking points from the Council so that different people can represent the council at various events. General council, AGM, etc. Samara Group to make them uniform.

Dominic (City of Portland): Finishing up list of noxious weeds. Found another goats rue.

Glenn Dolphin (OSMB): Proposing a new fee on non-motorized boaters. Also reworking some of the other fees.

Sam Chan (Oregon Sea Grant): we may be seeing more tsunami debris soon due to currents/weather.

Robyn (FWS): WRP bouncing around the idea of writing management plan for marine biofouling. First step will be to compile a white paper using existing information. No concrete deadline for draft. Possibility that this will be her last meeting based on position at FWS.

Rick (ODFW): Did not find much unexpected in the recent survey.

Rian (DEQ): raised fees to ballast water program. Will fund minimal program but keep it open. Half time inspector position is still vacant but not advertised. Therefore inspection numbers are down. Initiating rule-making process for ballast water management. Rick, Jas and Robyn all involved. Continue to have issues with threats from federal programs that would circumvent our state rules. All seems calm now though. Jas - would the federal program be effective? Probably not as effective as the state program.

Quintin (SOLVE): Ramping up for earth day event. Working with interior department and YMCA to get youth out on public lands doing projects.

Dan: Not much to talk about. Sage grouse is not very active. Possibly a new weed up in the sisters area.

Helmuth: Requested 633K to pay for part of the 2.5M AGM project. Requesting the same amount to put on hold in case the feds cant help out. Just the helicopters will cost about 1.3M. Emergency rule for bacteria affecting pear trees. Currently affects domestic market of pears, export of blueberries. Team is out sampling to see how widespread it is. Tim Butler went to western weeds meeting. Disappointed that Oregon was the only state that was rejecting HB1485, the healthy habitat bill. Meeting in Boise. Cheatgrass is a major issue. Sage grouse is big on the gov agenda so hopefully we will get involved. In this case its an invasive species that is impacting sage grouse due to increasing potential for fire.

In regards to HB1485, we should reconnect with group. Robyn is surprised that all other govs supported and suspects we may have been the only council involved. The question now is how involved were other IS councils.

Cat (PSU): monitoring for zebra and quagga.

Wyatt (ODF): Happy to report that state forest division just went through updates to rules and they adopted weed free forage. Include straw.

Ongoing Initiatives/project updates

Don't Pack a Pest

Presentation by Sea Grant: Soft launch of the survey of international students and received feedback. Reaching out to five universities; learned it is good to reach out to students as well. Airline websites and family/friends are the most frequent source of information. Gained feedback regarding wording of questions. Jalene working on Council's part of the project, including outreach content and partnerships. Mark: target audience will be regulators and will help those groups identify gaps in outreach material.

Asian Gypsy Moth

Clint Burfitt, ODA presented on the detection and timeline for proposed eradication:

Based on previous issues, one of the biggest issues from the public is a lack of voice. Put out 20,00 traps and found 19 arthropods. Technical working group recommendation is to treat over 8000 acres with Btk, multi-year response would cost \$2-2.5 million most of which will be used in the first year. Draft EA should be out in the middle of January. The goal is direct the public back to the OISC website as a source for information.

ODA will host an open house with an open invitation to partners and their materials. Third party doing environmental monitoring. Thank you to all of our partners and the OISC for supporting. This will be the 3rd largest eradication in history if it goes through. ODA is working with various partners, everyone they can including NCAP and Xerces who support the project. Beyond Toxics is aware of the project.

Sam: we need to show that we are working with vectors to show the public that they are doing their part as well. Btk is non-selective, what is the recovery rate? Jeff Miller is doing work around this question. Robyn: coordinated effort is better than having everyone treat on their own.

Next Steps: 2016

We need nominations for new Council members, 5 seats. Rian would like to see the final 2016 business meeting, awards event and summit combined. Next meetings: March, June/July

outside the valley, September, and November/early December. Wyatt thanked the group for support in leadership year. Rian thanked Wyatt for doing a great job.

Passing the gavel and meeting closure

Rian Hooff, DEQ will be the 2016 OISC Chair. Rick Boatner will be the incoming Vice Chair.

Attendance

Alan Kanaskie

Catherine de Rivera

Christian Parker

Christine Buhl

Claudia Ingham

Clint Burfitt

Dan Sherwin

Glenn Dolphin

Helmuth Rogg

Jalene Littlejohn

Jas Adams

Jessica Riehl

Kayla-Maria Martin

Keith Brown

Lindsey Wise

Mark Hitchcox

Noelle Adair Moen

Rian Hooff

Rick Boatner

Robyn Draheim

Sam Chan

Wyatt Williams