

Maryland Invasive Species Council  
The Nature Conservancy  
June 5, 2001  
Minutes

Call to order ~9:45 a.m.

Introductions:

Robert Tichenor, MDA-FPM  
Don Robbins, MDA-PPWM  
Malcolm Sarna, MDA-Turf and Seed  
J. L. Fisher\*, MD American Soc. of Landscape  
Architects (ASLA)  
Carole Bergmann, M-NCPPC  
Betty Marose, UM-IPM  
Don Cober, MD SHA  
Meredith Malone\*, MD/TNC, Weed Warriors  
/Weed Busters (WW/WB) Project\*  
Dick Bean, MDA-PPWM  
Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR FS  
Julie Thompson, USFWS-CBFO

Deborah Barber\*, TNC-MD/DLFO  
Donnelle Keech, TNC-MD/DLFO  
Katherine McCarthy\*, MD DNR  
Bill Gimpel, MDA-PPWM  
Bob Rabaglia, MDA-FPM  
Deborah Landau\*, TNC-MD/DLFO  
Carol Bordelon, USDA/ARS/USNA  
Kerrie Kyde, USDA/ARS/MA-EPPC  
Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries  
John Peter Thompson, MNLA  
Carol Holko, MDA-PPWM  
Stephanie Flack\*, TNC

\*indicates new attendee

Additions to Agenda

none

Welcome

Nat Williams, State Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

In survey within TNC, invasives have been identified by local TNC chapters as primary or secondary concern, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest threat to biodiversity in MD

Overview of The Nature Conservancy

Donnelle Keech

International, non-profit, conservation organization; most famous for buying and managing land as nature preserves; now practicing conservation on a larger scale, i.e. eco-regional plans to look at planning units that are ecologically and biologically significant and highlight sites, matrix blocks to focus conservation efforts; work with other conservation land owners in addition to buying land.

Areas of TNC work addressing invasives:

Wildland Invasive Species Program - John Randall leader; provides technical support for TNC and others; web site provides information on invasive species and control methods; Weed Control Methods Handbook: Tools and Techniques for Use in Natural Areas

Hired National Invasive Species Coordinator to coordinate fund raising and lead lobbying efforts.

Local chapter successes:

Control of spotted knapweed and bush honeysuckle on Sideling Hill Creek Preserve

Weed Watchers/Weed Busters - volunteer program designed to prevent infestations in early stages

Invasive Species Management Network (ISMN) - staff from selected focal sites conduct workshops to bring collective wisdom together; Allegheny Forest Project Area, 70,000 acres in MD, is one of the focal sites in Eastern ISMN

Approval of Minutes of April 5 meeting

Minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed list of Maryland Invasive Species

Kerrie Kyde - National Park Service developing Access database for invasive species on CD, MISC can participate in the future.

MISC list emailed on 4/27/2001

- habitats affected by invasive species no longer included in key system, will be incorporated into database risk assessment; Risk assessment categories - 1. ecological, 2. economic, 3. social/cultural
- PWG needs full council approval of list, decision on where to go from here.

Discussion:

Change key to agree with preamble.

John Peter Thompson - concerns from industry.

- decide what we are going to do with list before approving it.
- Pennsylvania presentation model framework with color coding for categorization.
- MISC categorization ok as is.
- within species, varieties and cultivars are "innocent until proven guilty".

Motion to accept Categorization as stated in the preamble.

Discussion

- Leave category 1 "are currently regulated by a state and/or federal law" as is; spreadsheet will provide more detail regarding levels of regulation; categories are informational - e.g. not all regulated species must be included on list.
- List includes only spp. in Maryland, except within red alert category.
- "Categories of information" aren't ranked by importance.
- Categorization is not risk assessment.

Motion seconded and passed.

Discussion:

Presentation

- Projects WG will develop a format for presentation following PA format.

Distribution

- approved list can be used for limited distribution by members of the group with explanation, no opportunity for recipient to veto
- should list be presented to public as a "proposed list" for public review?
  - list should be presented as "starting point"; no need for public comment; list is dynamic

Motion to accept species listed under "Insects, Other Invertebrates, Vertebrates".

Refer discussion, specific comments regarding categorization to Bob Trumbule.

Motion seconded and passed.

Motion to accept "Aquatic Plants" species.

Discussion

- *Egeria densa* now *Elodea densa* - recommended to not be on list in MD, water too cold; will stay on list as red alert

Motion seconded and passed, with John Peter Thompson representing MNLA voting thumb sideways, no position but no vote to obstruct on Parrot Feather.

Motion to accept Terrestrial spp.

Discussion:

- multiflora rose - growers import rootstock for grafting, can grow from rootstock when graft fails; also, grafted rose is at increased risk for rose rosette.
- *Alliaria* misspelled.

Motion seconded and passed, with John Peter Thompson representing MNLA voting thumb sideways, no position but no vote to obstruct, on Norway Maple, Porcelain Berry, *Berberis thunbergii*, Oriental bittersweet, *Eleagnus umbellata*, *Hedera helix*,

*Hemerocallis fulva*, *Lonicera japonica*, *L. maackii*, *L. morrowi*, *L. tartarica*,  
*Miscanthus sinensis*, *Perilla frutescens*, Multiflora Rose.

Motion to accept Viruses, Fungi and Other Organisms.  
Motion seconded and passed.

Red Alert category - not a reason to be on the list; not a fifth category; retain red alert until widely distributed.

Changes to specific categorization.

Green crab, Japanese Shore Crab, Rusty Crayfish, Asian Clam, Chinese Mitten Crab - add category 3

Crass carp - add red alert\*, categories 1, 3

*Egeria* = *Elodea*

*Caulerpa taxifolia* - add category 3

*Myriophyllum brasiliense*, *M. spicatum*, Curly Leaved Pondweed - add red alert\*

Parrot Feather - add category 3

*Trapa natans* - add categories 1, 4

#### Reports from Working Groups

Organization - will meet after general meeting to discuss gaps in representation in membership.

Education and Outreach - website probable name <mdinvasivesp.org>

Projects - above

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### New attendees requesting membership, to be voted on at August meeting:

Julie Thompson, USFWS-CBFO

J. L. Fisher, MD American Soc. of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Katherine McCarthy, MD DNR, Wildlife and Heritage

Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR FS

Deborah Landau\*, TNC-MD/DLFO (replace Donnelle?)

Edith Thompson, MD DNR - Exotic/Invasive Species Policy

Meredith Malone\*, MD/TNC, Weed Warriors /Weed Busters (WW/WB) Project\*

Weeds 101' article in Martha Stewart magazine.

Anne Hairston-Strang - USDA FS partial funding from forestry working group to look at forest riparian buffers, need to do data collection next summer, looking for feedback from group; see ATTACHMENT A.

##### Funding for brochure?

John Peter Thompson will check with MNLA.

##### Next meeting

August 9, 9:30 a.m., Soldiers Delight NEA located near Owings Mills, MD, details to follow.

Adjourn ~ 12:15 p.m.

Post-meeting tour of Invasive Species in Rock Creek Park, Carole Bergmann

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carol Holko

| <b>USDA Forests Service - NA Chesapeake Bay Forestry Program FY</b>              |  |                     |                    |                   |                           |
|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Chesapeaske Bay Forestry Program Projects selected by Forestry Work Group</b> |  |                     |                    |                   |                           |
| <b>Project Name</b>  | <b>Grantee</b>                             | <b>State Sheet-</b> | <b>Total Reque</b> | <b>Work Group</b> | <b>Running Total - \$</b> |
| Sustainable Forestry in MD (CCC)   | MD Center for Chesapeake Communities (NGO) | MD                  | 27                 | 1.0               | <b>27K</b>                |
| Riparian Forest Buffer Maintenance Guide (1)                                     | MD DNR                                     | MD                  | 28                 | 2.0               | <b>57K</b>                |
| Citizen Guide to Control Invasive Plants (1)                                     | PA ACB                                     | PA                  | 37                 | 6.0               | <b>92K</b>                |
| Local Riparian Forest Buffer Guidelines  | VA CBLAD                                   | VA                  | 35                 | 3.0               | <b>127K</b>               |
| Chesapeake ReLeaf Grants   | American Forests - DC                      | DC                  | 75                 | 4.0               | <b>202K</b>               |
| Forests for the Bay - Legislative Roundtables                                    | Environmental Law Institute - DC           | DC                  | 20                 | 5.0               | <b>222K</b>               |
| Uniting VA Land Trusts   | VA Dept.of Forestry                        | VA                  | 53                 | 7.0               | <b>275K</b>               |
| Little Patuxent Watershed Buffer Restoration                                     | Howard County MD                           | MD                  | 15                 | 9.0               | <b>290K</b>               |
| Forest Riparian Inventory  | PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry                 | PA                  | 10                 | 10.0              | <b>300K</b>               |
|  |  |                     |                    |                   |                           |
| (1) Combined proposal being drafted  |  |                     |                    |                   |                           |