



Maryland Invasive Species Council
Thursday, January 22, 2009
John H. Downs Memorial Park
Pasadena, MD

Call to Order: ~9:40 a.m., John Lydon, Facilitator

Additions to the agenda

Introductions

Gary Barkman	Kerrie Kyde, MD DNR
Laura Bowne, MD DNR	* Jack Lattimore, SHA
Ray Carter, SHA	John Lydon, USDA ARS
Brian Clark, MCE	Jonathan McKnight, MD DNR
Dave Clement, MCE	Mary Kay Malinoski, MCE
Don Cober, SHA	Betty Marose, UM
Eric Duce, SHA	* Geoffrey Mason, M-NCPPC
Robert Feldt, MD DNR	* Victor Miranda, Cylburn Arboretum
* Ross Geredien, MD DNR	* Edward Railey, SHA
* Pat Groller, MD DNR	Karen Rane, UM
Anne Hairston Strang, MD DNR	Bud Reaves, Anne Arundel County
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	Pete Rupp, MDA
Lane Heimer, MDA	* Fred Sertz, NNWB
* Debbie Herr, DMV	Al Tasker, APHIS PPQ
* Ty Hickie, SHA	Marek Topolski, MD DNR
Carol Holko, MDA PPWM	Matt Travis, APHIS PPQ
* Beki Howey, AA Co. Master Gardeners	Bob Trumbule, MDA
Marc Imlay, AWS	Sarah Widman, MD DNR
Patrick Kelly, AA Co.	**Meg Wilkinson, NY Natural Heritage Program
* Bradley Kennedy, MD DNR	* Kevin Wilsey, SHA

*indicates new attendee

** guest speaker

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None.

Approval of Minutes, September & November 2008 meetings

Motion to approve minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

Membership

Karen Rane requests membership. Will be voted on at next meeting attended.

Presentation: Meg Wilkinson, Coordinator of the New York Natural Heritage Program – MapInvasives, Geotracking Invasive Exotic Species (ppt posted on MISC Website)

- NY Invasive Species Task Force convened in 2004
- NY Invasive Species Council – govt.
- NY Invasive Species Advisory Committee – non-govt.
- ISTF recommended establishment of database clearinghouse for invasive species
- PRISM – Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management
- MapInvasives basic features
 1. Core Data fields
 2. Partnership
 3. All taxa – starting with plant data
 4. On-line, public and restricted areas

- 5. GIS Capabilities
- 6. Occurrence, Assessment, and Treatment Data
- 7. Aggregate Data
- Service features
 - 1. Site-level resolution
 - 2. Tracking over time
 - 3. Quality control data
 - 4. Occurrence, assessment, and treatment data
- NY FL - charter states
- NA AZ – participating
- PA interested
- Contact: mwilkinson@tnc.org, or call Shereen @518.402.8949

Questions:

- ?? Lead Partner Agency (LPA)
- ?? QC within LPA and at partner agencies
- ?? What LPA most effective in terms of funding
- ?? Fee, \$2500 setup, \$5000 annual (i.e. \$7500 first year)

IOTM

- Revised list sent out on listserv previously

Kerrie Kyde - National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species document on EIS, *An Action Plan on Invasive Species for President Obama and the 111th Congress* passed around.

Marc Imlay – CWMA and Wavyleaf Basketgrass strategy for May-August

Agency Updates

- MDA –Carol Holko, Lane Heimer, Bob Trumbule
 - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
 - Still cutting ash trees in Prince George's and Charles Counties, ca. 5,000 trees on ~3,400 acres; in discussions with APHIS regarding next steps
 - *Cerceris fumipennis* – biosurveillance tool for EAB, <http://cerceris.info/>, plans for project in mid-Atlantic
 - Weed Control Program – starting planning for field ops.
 - USFS cooperative agreement to raise MAM weevils – backup rearing for Philip Alampi Beneficial Insect lab in NJ; 2008 first year weevil released in MD; 2 permits for release in MD – Bob Trumbule and Rachel Cliche
 - Success in rearing *Gallerucella* for pls control
- Comment: Invasives move into areas where invasives are removed – need IVM and vertebrate management
- DNR – Jonathan McKnight, Anne Hairston-Strang, Sarah Widman
 - Zebra mussels in Conowingo Pond, DNR IST meeting Jan 30, 9:30 to formulate response plan, guests welcomed, USFWS on Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis MD
 - Mute swan – future plans being developed
 - Chronic Wasting Disease not detected in MD, moving closer in WV
 - Following up on Phil Pannil's Japanese Hops work
 - Suggestions for additions to ANS list passed around
 - Bait shop, freshwater angler surveys
- SHA
 - Updated Business Plan for next three years – calls for invasive species control, Canada thistle, phragmites; R&D program with MDA hopefully will be continued with Research Division
 - New employee introduced, Jack Lattimore, GIS specialist – tracking thistle
- MCE
 - Karen Rane, new UM Plant Pathologist, diagnostic clinic is a surveillance tool
- APHIS – Al Tasker, Matt Travis
 - New Ag. Secretary Tom Vilsack

- Kevin Shea Acting Administrator for APHIS
- Invertebrate & Biological Control Programs (Dir. Alan Dowdy)
Andrea Simao, Japanese Beetle, mollusks, Panicle rice mite
- Plant Pathogen & Weed Programs (Dir Gary Smith)
Prakash Hebbar, Potatoes, Stem Rusts/Barberry, Boxwood Rust, Karnal Bunt
Lynn Evans-Goldner was Sirex, not sure of her current assignment(s)
+ new Citrus Health Regulatory Programs Mgr (CHRP) advertised, but not filled yet
- \$9-10M of CCC funding available, Business Plan, OGC is contesting use of these funds for non-emergency programs
- NIWAW starts last week in February,
http://www.nawma.org/niwaw/NIWAW%20IX/niwaw_index.htm for more info
- Compliance issues with maritime cargo contaminated with noxious weed seed at Port of Baltimore – usual suspects
- MD PPQ will send officer to MA to help with ALB program (ice storm issues)
- Still hiring EAB compliance officer
- MDA has permits for release of EAB biocontrol agents in MD when the time is right
- ARS
 - Office of National Programs hiring Weed Scientist national program leader

NEWS AND NEW BUSINESS

Marc Imlay

Ruth Hanessian

- Invite everyone to Rockville Science Café, Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at Branded '72. 387 E. Gude Drive, Rockville, for more info. contact Ruth 301.424.4777 or 301.674.RUTH

Refreshments for MISC meetings – Need sign up sheet, Lane will bring refreshments for next meeting (May)

Next Meeting – March 19th. Blackwater Wildlife Refuge field trip

Adjourn ~12: p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary