



Maryland Invasive Species Council  
**Wednesday, March 24, 2011**  
Anne Arundel County Heritage Office Complex  
Annapolis, MD

Call to Order: ~ 9:45 am, John Lydon, Facilitator

Introductions

Gary Barkman, Mont. Co. Weed Control	Kerrie Kyde, MDNR
Eric Duce, Straughan Environmental	Deb Landau, TNC
Art Gover, PSU	John Lydon, ARS
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	Bud Reaves, Anne Arundel County
Lane Heimer, MDA	Peter Rupp, MDA
Mike Hemming, Eastern Shore Nurseries	Jil Swearingen, USFWS
Shelley Hicks, MDA	John Peter Thompson, MNLA
Carol Holko, MDA	Marek Topolski, MDNR
Marc Imlay, M-NCCPC	Bob Trumbule, MDA
Sylvan Kaufman, CCLC	Matthew Travis, USDA APHIS
Bill Klingelhofer, SHA	Jim Young, USDA APHIS
Wesley Knapp, MDNR	

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes, January 2011 meetings

*Page 4, PPWM: "Walk-in" cooler, not "Walking" cooler. Motion to accept minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.*

Membership

Jim Young requests membership. Will vote at next meeting attended.

Invader of the Month (IOTM) – Tim and Bud

April IOTM ready to post, live bait.

*Kalopanax* not on list? Wes will write for December.

Marc: Option to include additional information from the author not available elsewhere?

Discussion: Purpose is to relate information to public, current format reflects that.

*Motion to allow IOTM author to provide extra information with additional new information that doesn't appear elsewhere. No second.*

Sylvan -MISC brochure, additions to plant list

- Website list

*Motion to have shorter list of Maryland state and federally regulated species on Website with link to longer list of species of concern. Motion seconded and passed.*

Discussion: Break the larger list into categories of establishment. Who will do that? Categories could include red alerts (already done), success stories, regulated. Committee to Sylvan, Marek, Bob Trumbule, Wes, John Peter will help with categorization

- Brochure – 10-12 species that are examples from different taxa with brief paragraph and where to find more information.

*Motion to move on with concept for brochure list. Motion seconded and passed.*

Legislative update on HB 831 ISLE of MISC

- Passed House of Delegate unanimously 3/21/2011 – hearing was entirely positive
- Will move to Senate Education Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

### Agency Updates

MDA – Bob Trumbule, Carol Holko,

- Eastern Branch Entomological Society of America meeting – BMSB major topic of discussion, will be major issue this year in mid-Atlantic - “Biblical”; biocontrol may help; MISC should link to more information
- EAB – ARS cooler at Cheltenham, adult EAB for DE rearing lab, monitor parasitoid recovery
- Sudden Oak Death – Federal order requiring nurseries in regulated areas to provide advance notification of high risk host plant shipments to non-regulated areas as of March 1. Receiving states being asked to manage and administer the provisions.
- Weed Control – County programs in trouble, need to be self sustaining now without MDA grants cut from budget in 2010

MDNR – Kerrie, Marek

- State forests undergoing sustainability certification process – clear need for training of foresters and maintenance staff regarding invasive plant management; would like information on portable wash stations
- More wader cleaning stations for didymo
- Felt soled wader ban regulation goes into effect Tuesday
- Invasive Species Matrix Team – discussing promoting public destruction of invasive species; danger in putting value on invasive species; “invasivore” movement
- DNR working on cooperative regulations with Virginia for blue catfish

SHA – Bill K.

- Continued cooperation with MDA Weed Control and IPM programs regarding noxious and invasive weeds

APHIS – Matt, Jim

- Asian gypsy moth inspection – PPQ joint vessel boarding with CBP
- National recall of lemon trees sold to homeowners via Internet and catalog sales from quarantined areas

- ALB documentary *Lurking in the Trees* on YouTube and iTunes, cooperative with TNC
- Q37 regulations affecting post entry quarantine, 60-90 days to final rule
  - Compliant with ISPM 5 – glossary of phytosanitary terms
  - Several layers of permits, effectively do away with Departmental permits
  - Five risk categories with different performance standards - risk assessment will be useful for soon-to-be Maryland IPAC
  - Post entry quarantine changes? Process for adding or eliminating genera.

Plant invasiveness included in risk assessment? Yes.

- Dulles 2<sup>nd</sup> khapra beetle find – press release last night
- Interception of CAPS pest in cargo from China
- Over past year more than 30 interceptions of six species of “dirt colored seed bugs” – seed pests, two species established in Oregon causing economic damage; hitchhiking on no particular
- Spike in interceptions of stink bug, *Rhaphinogaster* sp., from Europe, similar in appearance to BMSB – clear part of wing has brown bars on BMSB v. brown spots on new species; not known to be established in U.S.; USDA won’t regulate BMSB – list of regulated articles would be infinite, focus on management
- BWI now has flights to/from Cuba

#### ARS - John

- \$43M cut from budget in latest continuing resolution, eliminated pass through money and earmarks; 2012 additional cuts

#### News and New Business

Kerrie – Should MISC form a group to investigate biofuels and invasive species? John Peter, Carol interested; Florida allows *Arundo donax* to be grown with permit; committee could line up speakers; speaker at Rockville Science café in April

John Peter Thompson - PGCC workforce sustainability certification initiative

Jil - MAEPPC now Mid Atlantic Invasive Plant Council (MAIPC)

- Website revised, <http://www.maipc.org>
- Workshop at Ft. Detrick
- Conference August 2-4 Shepherdstown WV
- On-line registry on MAIPC Website for volunteer opportunities; Marc’s invasive plant removal opportunities on MISC Website
- Mid-Atlantic early detection network – id experts in mid-Atlantic region to review reporting to EDDMAPS, currently unverified
- Jil will send email on listserv
- CWMA training in 2012 – request through USFS RFP

Sylvan

- Adkins Arboretum to demo using goats for invasive plant management

Marc

- See email on *Miscanthus*

Thanks to Bud for hosting and Lane for goodies!

Next Meeting – May 19, 2011. MDA. Possible speaker - beekeeper with NOAH concerned about spread of Africanized bees, Kerrie will follow up. Lane will bring goodies.

Adjourn – 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary