

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2007

Attendance:

Leah Gibala (BRDNR), Steven Spickerman (CENN), Colleen Matula (WIDNR), Alyssa Core (City of Ashland), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Darienne McNamara (USFWS), Ryan Magana (WDNR), Nan Olson (BCLF), Mark Morey (Town of Washburn), Tom Cogger (NRCS) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

Minutes

- Revised Management Plan review. Leah will email the new version for review.
 - Leah reformatted the flow/structure of the plan – all agreed that it looked much better!
 - By laws will go into section with cooperators roles & responsibilities (voting on issues, new members, etc.)
 - Add legal responsibilities (participant release form) in Integrated Weed Management Program for Target Weed Species section.
- NCWMA logo.
 - Contest for local schools in May with judging in June
 - Winner could be displayed at NGLVC or the Black Cat with June Invasive Species Awareness month.
 - Leah will draft up some requirements (age categories, submission date, size, message, background info) for the next meeting.
 - Prize to winner?
- Sharing Technical Knowledge
 - “Donut Discussions” – sharing technical knowledge - a specific control/management theme will be discussed an hour before the regular NCWMA meeting. The topic will be chosen at the end of the previous NCWMA meeting. The topic will be in the agenda so that folks can choose which discussions to attend.
- Lake Superior Conference
 - “A Conference Linking Research, Education, and Management”, October 29th – 31st, <http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/superior2007>
 - First call for papers; conference will highlight invasive spp. issues
 - Carmen & Darienne will work on doing a presentation at the conference for the NCWMA.
- Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network & Fund has grants available for tool purchasing and other projects with a March 31st deadline - <http://www.glahabitat.org/grant1.html>. Grant could be used as a back-up if the Coastal grant does not get funded or for a different project.
- Minnesota DNR is hosting a Terrestrial Invasive Plants Conference on March 7th and 8th in St. Cloud, MN (<http://www.minnesotaswcs.org/>).

- Nan Olson will be replacing Roger Dreher as the BCLF and steering committee representative.
- NCWMA booth at the Bad River Open House was a great success.
- Possible Corporate Sponsors
 - Great Lakes Transmission line goes right through the NCWMA (http://www.glt.com/pipeline/pipe_map.htm); potential to sign them on as a cooperator or corporate sponsor.
 - Good PR for them and \$ for the CWMA
 - Sponsor prize money for the logo contest with a great photo/press opportunity for them.
 - Xcel and Great Northern Clearing are other possible sponsors
 - Carmen will work with Linda Parker to develop contacts. Steve will look into other established contacts through his office.
- The town of Washburn will be doing a road project (stump & soil removal) around S Maple Hill Rd. Mark is looking for ways to prevent transporting seeds. This topic will be March's meetings donut discussion topic.
- Alyssa Core, City of Ashland
 - New Environmental Projects Coordinator for the city.
 - Applied for a USFWS grant to develop a baseline GIS database of invasive species locations on city property and to begin to develop policy &/or ordinances for the city regarding invasive species.
- Potential educational project – develop an invasive species coloring book.
 - Kids can color and put up on the fridge – increase child & parents invasive species education.
- Invasive species silk plants; excellent educational tool – very life like. To order: http://www.weedcenter.org/products_pub/prod_pub_new.html
- Stefania, Bayfield County Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator, will be doing various educational events around Bayfield County and will provide NCWMA materials and information at those events.
- Dara will be in charge of the meeting minutes.

Next meeting to be held at the NGLVC on Wednesday March 14th at 10 a.m.

***** First Donut Discussion Topic: Soil Moving at 9 a.m. *****