

## Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Updates

February 21, 2006

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

### Attendance:

Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Darienne McNamara (USFWS, Whittlesey Creek NWR), Ted Gostomski (WI DNR), Becky Sapper (TNC), Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Wendy Stein (Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest), Carmen Chapin (NPS - Great Lakes Network), Verne Gilles, Terry Beirl (Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Mark Morey (Town of Washburn), Steven Spickerman (Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest), Roger Dreher (Bayfield County Lakes Forum), and Vijai Pandian (UW - Extension).

### Updates:

- MOU edits (in blue & red in the attached MOU):
  - Article 3, e - Change "parties" to "Interested Parties"
  - Article 3, d - Change NCWM "Association" to "Board".
  - Article 1 - The Board will be defined as the list of organizations on the MOU and the list of cooperators and the definition added in the first paragraph.
  - Specific MOU numbers for specific organizations will go after the organization name in the first list
  - Article 1, will be f - Add "NCWMA" in the definition section defining as the organizations involved and the boundary.
  - Article 9, a - After "... sex or national origin" insert "unless otherwise authorized by law" and insert "Where required," the parties will take affirmative action...
  - Article 9, b - Miles Falck & Steven Spickerman will look for an alternative clause.
  - Article 9, will be e - Add an Indemnification clause for liability.
  - Article 3, d - Change "ABDI-LCC" to "ABDI-Land Conservation Committees"
  - Article 5 - Change "bilaterally executed" to "unanimously approved"
  - Article 7 & 8 - Delete "(not used)" and insert below "There are no reports and/or other deliverables associated with this MOU" and "There is no property utilized in association with this MOU" respectively. (These sections are mandatory for some federal agencies)
  - Article 6 - Change prior approval to allowing organizations a 30 day period to object to the addition of the organization if there is a conflict of interest.
  - **Instead of having a separate Cooperative Agreement, decision to add on to the definition of the board in the first paragraph and**

**have cooperators sign a signatory page stating that they will voluntarily participate under the guidelines in this MOU.**

- Carmen Chapin researched available grants and gave us an update on her findings.
- Discussion on the next steps and decision to look into strategic plan examples from other CWMAs to begin the development of the strategic plan. Dara will look into and send out a couple examples of plans to everyone.
- The next meeting will be in about three weeks.

**To do:**

- Please send Dara specific MOU numbers for your agency if you have /will need them.
- Please send Dara contact information for the signatory page and key contact list for 2006.
- Steven & Miles will look for an alternate Nondiscrimination clause.

Dara Olson  
Notetaker