

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Updates

March 17, 2006

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

Attendance:

Leon (Audubon Society), Martha Oie (Iron River Lakes Association), Carmen Chapin (NPS - Great Lakes Network), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Becky Sapper (TNC), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Mark Morey (Town of Washburn), Darienne McNamara (USFWS, Whittlesey Creek NWR), Mike Mlynarek (USFWS, Whittlesey Creek NWR), and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

Updates:

- MOU edits (red in the attached MOU):
 - Article 1, e (part c) - change "and" to "and/or"
 - Article 2 - Insert the title of the Act for the NPS, "the National Park Service Organic Act (16 U.S.C. §§1-3)"
 - Article 6 - Change title from "PRIOR APPROVAL" to "ADDITIONAL PARTIES TO THE MOU"
 - Article 9, c - Insert "Notwithstanding sections a & b above,"
 - Article 9, f - After "Each party, therefore, agrees that..." insert ", with respect to the other parties,"
 - Informal Participants signatory page - Insert line from introductory paragraph in the MOU and add "to the best of my ability" at the end.
- Consensus that this will be the last chance to make edits to the MOU.
Make changes by the next meeting which will be in the second week in April.
- Fifteen copies will be sent out (after everyone has had time to review) to each organization to sign. Each organization will receive a full copy of the MOU for their records.
- Discussion on forming a separate AIS committee, but decided it would spread folks too thin and instead to focus on finishing up the management plan first.
- Reminder to continue to document any progress/accomplishments of coordinated activities.
- Public Outreach
 - Carmen, Darienne and Mike M are doing a Community event for June IS awareness month (June 24th) at Sig Olson. Seminar for the northland homeowner-"what's in the backyard".
 - Invite Bob Jauch and Gary Sherman to our next meeting.
 - Develop a press release in June for invasive species month with an update of our progress and a photo with a rep from all the organizations involved.

- Becky updated us on June Invasive Species Month and reminded us to check out the website (<http://invasivespecies.wi.gov/>), post events, and nominate someone or an organization for the “Invader Crusader” award.
- Ideas to have an event for the June Invasive Species month with the Washburn High School Ecology Club. Mark and Becky will start working on some of the details.
- Mike gave an update on USFWS activities:
 - Darienne will be working for the next 9.5 months on the invasive free zone on the refuge. She will be developing life history and management strategies for 20+ non-native invasive species for the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center and the Refuge. She will be working on a landscape scale and focusing on all invasive species present, not just one.
 - They developed a poster of their work and presented it at the Regional Research Conference with folks from all around the USFWS Region 3, which might also help with funding opportunities. They will also be presenting the poster for the Lake Superior Working Group.
- For our next meeting, bring the top 3 cooperative activities you would like to do this summer.
- For our next meeting, bring an inventory of what your organization has to offer/provide for the group (educational resources, data to share, etc.)
- We will continue to have an opportunity at the end of the meetings for folks to provide updates on upcoming activities, projects, etc.

To do:

- Review MOU for any final edits
- List of your top 3 coordinated activities you would like to accomplish this summer
- Inventory of what your organization has to offer to the group

Next Meeting Agenda:

- Go over any final edits to the MOU
- Develop duties and terms for various positions
- Elect Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Steering Committee and other positions (?)
- Go over the inventory of what organizations have to offer
- Discuss the top 3 coordinated activities
- Develop timelines for the coordinated activities
- Start developing a draft management plan

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Notetaker