

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Notes

April 13, 2006 9 a.m.

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

Attendance:

Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Carmen Chapin (NPS - Great Lakes Network), Darienne McNamara (USFWS, Whittlesey Creek NWR), Roger Dreher (Bayfield County Lakes Forum), Ted Gostomski (WI DNR), Leah Gibala (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians), and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

MOU:

- There were no additional edits to the MOU. The MOU will be sent out with the meeting minutes and every organization should print out 15 copies of their signatory page to sign and send to Dara. If you do not have access to a printer please contact Dara and she will print them out and mail them to you.

Inventory of Resources:

Carmen, National Park Service:

- Equipment (sprayers, hand tools, GPS unit, etc. - supervised to a qualified individual)
- GIS layers of areas they do control work on
- Time and crew to work on projects (crew is gone most of the summer and focus is on NPS land, but still have the ability to work on projects with the CWMA).
 - Concerns with jurisdiction and spending time outside of the park, but the CWMA will help out with that.
- Carmen developed an herbicide course and she is willing to share with others and provide the course.
- Educational materials

Darienne, Whittlesey Creek NWR:

- GIS layers of the refuge and other areas
- Purple loosestrife *Galerucella* beetle rearing demo
- Herbicide application equipment
- She is compiling information on invasive species that are present on the refuge (including treatment options - what works & doesn't work). She will be writing up a report and will send it out to everyone once it is finished.
 - If anyone has control work experiences and knows first hand what works and doesn't work to control a specific species, please let Darienne know as it would assist in her current research.

Roger, Bayfield County Lakes Forum:

- People - volunteer efforts, good group of excited folks
 - The County Lakes Forum conducted an inventory of AIS boat landing signage and were able to put up signs where they were lacking and shared data on the boat landing signage with DNR.
- Network for communicating to lake groups within Bayfield county
- Northwest Lake Conference, June 29th and 30th at Telmark Resort (<http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/nwlc06.htm>) - encouraging folks to participate and bring displays to the conference - excellent opportunity to network with energetic lake groups throughout NW WI.

Ted, DNR:

- Easy access to getting press releases out to all media state-wide - no cost.
- Regional Public Info Officer staff support for developing press releases and other public info
- Email access to all DNR staff or certain distribution lists
- Lots of digital images, power point shows, publications, media contacts, etc.
- Access to reduced cost printing via our printing contracts
- Service centers, parks and other public access points for publications, signs, etc.
- Depending on the time and location and staff involved, it might be possible to borrow tools for fires, cutting, spraying, etc.
- Access to the Wisconsin (Governor's) Council on Invasive Species
- Staff to match grants with in-kind services

Miles, GLIFWC:

- GIS website is the major resource (www.glifwc-maps.org) - common access and a place to compile data from many organizations in one place. He will be adding terrestrial invasive infestations, a surveyed areas layer and an inventory of boat landing signage. It is currently under some construction, but the site will be continuously being added to and improved.
- Educational resources - brochures, boat landing signs, ID cards, etc.
- Website (<http://www.glifwc.org/invasives/>) with information on invasive species and many presentation quality (300 dpi) digital images.
- Purple loosestrife and leafy spurge control - working with landowners
- 63 Galerucella beetle sites throughout the watershed and has a good knowledge of where the sites are, where to collect, etc.
- Conduct AIS surveys.
 - Surveyed the Pike Chain this past year by request of the lake association. After finding purple loosestrife on one of the lake

shorelines, the GLIFWC purple loosestrife control crew did some herbicide control to help out the lake association.

- Equipment may be an option, but may still be issues with liability.
- He sees one of GLIFWC's roles is to compile and share information between organizations.

Sarah Boles, Northern Native Plantscapes (via email):

- Sarah can offer herself to help with any eradication work. She does have her pesticide applicators license.

Polly Edmunds, Upper St. Croix Lake Association (via email):

- Will be raising *Galerucella* beetles (and hopes to gather beetles from an existing site for large stands in the Gordon/Solon Springs area)
- Involved in several water monitoring projects on the St. Croix river
- Inventory of the invasive species in the Bird Sanctuary between Gordon & Solon Springs.

Top 3 Coordinated Activities brainstorm:

- Species specific educational materials (esp. buckthorn & honeysuckle - UWEX has these brochures, but are currently out of print so could help out with the printing costs)
- Inventory of educational materials that already exist
- Funding community supplies (sprayers or other equipment)
- Website - where you can see what others have to offer, place to pool information, etc.
- Field trips
- Inventory of surveys that have been done
- Funding - grant options

Coordinated activities folks will take on this summer:

- Miles & Leah -get together an invasives day/afternoon with the Bad River Natural Resources Department in June for Invasive Species Awareness month.
- Miles - collect and move *Galerucella* beetles. He will send out an email to the group when the beetles are ready (after Memorial Day, depends on beetles) to get other organizations involved and make it into an awareness event.
 - Email to Roger to circulate through his connections.
- Roger - Increase education at the Northwest Lakes Conference and overall help increase community support for invasive species awareness, control and prevention.
- Ted - Pull together an inventory of educational materials available and write up an article for the IPAW newsletter.

- Mike & Carmen –research funding opportunities
- Carmen, Darienne and Mike - “What’s in the backyard” workshop on June 24th
- Darienne & Mike – NGLVC field day with CWMA members and agencies
- Dara – will work on getting together a GIS layer of surveyed areas to put up on the GLIFWC mapping site.

Review of draft position examples:

- Vice-chair, duration – take out “then move to chair”
- Steering committee – discussion if the 11 included the chair and vice-chair or if those were separate. Decided to reword so that only one rep per agency which includes the chair and vice-chair.
- Insert “Steering committee size may be re-evaluated in the future.”

Management Plan:

- Carmen will draft up Sections A, B and C and send it out to the group for review and any edits. The steering committee can then come together and work on Section D.

Other updates:

- Carmen offered to put together a NCWMA poster for events and conferences and Darienne offered to help. They will make a couple copies and get them laminated. Ted offered to bring the poster to the NW Lakes Conference.
- Decided to not hold elections until the next meeting when more folks could be present.
- Have each organization choose their representative for the steering committee by the next meeting.
- Cooperators will have to get together and decide which two would like to be on the steering committee.

Next meeting:

- Thursday May 11th, time and location TBA.
- Picture with all the agencies in uniforms or T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. representing their organizations for a June press release.

Dara Olson
Notetaker