

## **Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Notes**

May 11, 2006 9 a.m.

National Park Service Great Lakes Network Office, Ashland

### **Attendance:**

Leah Gibala (Bad River), Terry Beirl (SOEI), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Darienne McNamara (USFWS), Becky Sapper (TNC), Ted Gostomski (WI DNR), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Polly Edmunds (Douglas County Association of Lakes & Streams, Upper St. Croix Lake Association and The Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters), Steven Spickerman, Marjy Brzeskiewicz (CNNF) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

### **MOU:**

- Collected signatory pages. Please send Dara signatory pages (15 original copies) if you have not done so yet.

### **Inventory of Resources:**

#### Becky Sapper, TNC:

- Backpack sprayers (older)
- Garlon
- Rodeo
- Knee & hip boots
- Access to press releases
- Website links

#### Terry Beirl (SOEI):

- Press releases
- Call for volunteers

### **Positions Draft Review:**

- Changed the term length for the Chair & Vice-chair to one year instead of two.

### **Draft Management Plan:**

- Carmen shared copies of the draft management plan that she worked on. This will be sent out with the meeting minutes for everyone to comment on. Please send comments to Carmen ([Carmen\\_Chapin@nps.gov](mailto:Carmen_Chapin@nps.gov)). The other sections will be completed by the Steering Committee as a whole.

### **Review of NCWMA poster:**

- Carmen and Darienne shared the poster they developed for the NCWMA. Minor edits were made and the poster is ready. Nice work ladies!
- Here are some notes about the poster:

- The idea is to keep it general and to provide an overview with no specific projects.
- Designated area for contact information for whoever will be showing the poster.

### **Elections:**

- Roger will serve as the Vice-Chair.
- Unanimous nomination to elect Leah for the Chair position. She must first check with her supervisor before accepting the position.
- Polly will serve as the other Cooperator on the Steering Committee.

### **Outreach:**

- Ted volunteered to write up an article for a statewide press release (early June).
- Becky can get the letter in the next TNC newsletter.
- Ted will be sending out the IPAW newsletter article on Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup> so please email him any comments you may have before then ([Theodore.Gostomski@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Theodore.Gostomski@dnr.state.wi.us)).
- Leah will print out the NCWMA poster and bring to the Bad River Tribal Council meeting.

### **Resources Directory:**

- Suggestion to have a resources directory with contact information so that if folks need something they know who to contact. This could be provided on a website and be developed using the lists of available resources folks have offered.
  - Steven will look into funding a website.
  - Miles will work up a budget and check to see who Bad River Watershed Association goes through.

### **Sub-Committee Discussion:**

- Group decision to start up some sub-committees so that folks can fill into them as things really start going. Below are the proposed sub-committees (with chairs for the committees):
  - AIS sub-committee - Polly & Dara
  - Terrestrial - Steven
  - Funding - Mike
  - Communication & Education - Miles & Ted
  - Mapping & Inventory - Darienne & Miles
- Have sign-up sheets available at the NW WI Lakes Conference for folks and have a blank sheet where folks could fill in other things they would be interested in working on.

### Misc. Updates:

- Bad River Watershed Association would like to sign as a cooperator. They have received a grant and will be doing some invasive species projects. Dara will contact.
- Sawyer / Washburn counties area are working on starting up a CWMA in that area.
- Price / Taylor area are also working on starting up a CWMA.
- Marjy is working for the Forest Service to help folks get organized to start up CWMAs.

### Member Activity Updates:

- "Invasives in your Backyard" event at SIGO will be on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Bad River's Invasive Species Awareness day for NR staff will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Miles sent out a nomination package for GLIFWC for the National Invasive Species Advisory Group.
- Miles is also working with Discover Wisconsin to do an AIS special with a target air date of June.
- **Reminder:** Register events in June on the Wisconsin Council on Invasive Species at: <http://invasivespecies.wi.gov/awareness/>. It does not matter if the event is open to the public or not.
- Forest Service is starting a large herbicide control efforts (contracting out) on the forest. One area that they will be working on is in the Moquah Barrens removing spotted knapweed.
- GLIFWC has updated their mapping site (still in progress: [www.glifwc-maps.org](http://www.glifwc-maps.org)). Updating species locations and control data, added terrestrial data, surveyed routes, and surveyed lakes layers. If you are interested in purple loosestrife biocontrol data, release locations are on there with photos showing progress by year.

### Next meeting:

- Will be held at the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference (June 29-30) at Telmark Lodge. *Tentative: Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.*
  - Conference Website with agenda & registration information: <http://www.wisconsinlakes.org/Events/nwlc06.htm>

### Reminders:

- Please send Dara signatory pages if you have not done so yet.
- Please send Dara a list of resources your organization has available if you have not done so yet.

**Leah Gibala** will be our first ever **Chair!** Thanks, Leah! Her contact information is:

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**Roger Dreher** will be our first ever **Vice-Chair!** Thanks, Roger! His contact information is:

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**THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!!!**

Dara Olson  
Notetaker