

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area
Meeting notes
September 27, 2007

Donut discussion: PTI grant – see separate notes.

Business meeting:

Present: Darienne McNamara (USFWS), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Cari (NPS), Colleen Matula (WDNR), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield Cnty), Keith Sowl (Town of La Pointe) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC)

- *Brochure*
 - Reviewed draft brochure and made edits. Dara will send out revised brochure for additional edits.
- *Community Tool Shed*
 - Carmen brought in shed options and a decision was made to purchase the EZEE 8' x 6' shed with the \$600 left over from the Travel Green grant. The tool shed will be stored at the NGLVC.
- *NCWMA Logo*
 - Miles drafted a logo – he will send out images he used for the logo & everyone will design a NCWMA logo & bring it to the next meeting to share.
 - Need two press releases for the NWF grant requirements – decision to do a wrap-up press release for everything the NCWMA accomplished this season.
- *PTI grant* (due October 26)
 - Darienne will draft outline and Carmen will work on background information. We will discuss at the next donut discussion.
- *ABDI Land Conservation Department*
 - All four counties have split into their own entities. Bayfield County will administer grants for the NCWMA and Butch Lobermeier will continue to be the contact.
 - We will need to revise the MOU and get signatures from each county.
- *Wisconsin Coastal Initiative grant*
 - Need to follow up and see where we are with the grant.
- *Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN) Annual Meeting*
 - Annual meeting: October 10th. Carmen is on the MIPN board for one more year. Please email Carmen, Carmen.Chapin@nps.gov, with anything you would like to pass on for the meeting.
- Crystal Meier, Agriculture teacher at Ashland High School, is looking for assistance to control buckthorn as an educational lesson for her high school forestry class (approx. 30 kids).
 - We can provide tools, expertise & trained herbicide applicators for oversight.
 - She will look into some details and get back to us.
- Keith Sowl, Town of La Pointe, is looking into buckthorn and barberry control at Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve. He has previously worked with GLIFWC on purple loosestrife control at the Preserve.
 - We can provide tools, expertise & various educational materials if they can provide the volunteers and money for the herbicides.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 29: Public Lands Day at NGLVC “Become a Weed Warrior” 9am – 1 pm. 9am-10am: educational talk, 10am-noon: pulling buckthorn seedlings and a complimentary lunch at noon. Earn a free public lands day pass for participating.

Oct 10: MIPN Annual Mtg

Oct 23: Next NCWMA Mtg – donut discussion at 9am – PTI grant & business mtg at 10am.

April/May 2008: Garlic mustard treatment field days near Mellen.

Discussion/Round Robin

- Biology and Biological Control of Knapweed
 - Darienne shared a publication on knapweed biocontrol:
<http://www.invasive.org/weeds/knapweed/>
- Spotted knapweed control:
 - Private landowner wants to control spotted knapweed in his field (approx. 14 acres).
 - Need a site evaluation – county conservationist?
 - Herbicide: Milestone – large investment and would need follow up.
 - Tom Cogger may be able to help find funding for invasive species control on private land – contact info will be passed on.
- WI Noxious Weed Laws
 - Miles is on a committee to revise listed species (only 3 species currently on the list). Plants will be listed as 1) Restricted or 2) Prohibited.
 - Various stakeholders are involved in species assessment groups to develop lists (Miles – shrubs & Steve Garske, GLIFWC - herbs)
 - Committees will meet every two years to update lists.
 - Authority for local municipalities to add species to a local ordinance will be the same as previously. Enforcement would stay the same for local municipalities.
 - Legislature will need to pass the species list.
- Miles is working on BMPs for logging activities.
- Brule River State Forest Trial Buckthorn Treatment
 - Fall 2007 - trial treatment on 5 ft. river corridor (no herbicides allowed) using a drip torch & propane torch – buckthorn seedlings and adults. The treatment will be open to observers.
- Cari is working on Voyagers NP Canada thistle & bull thistle management plan.