

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area

Meeting Notes

November 20, 2007

Donut discussion: *Community Reporting & Monitoring System*

- Examples of online reporting systems – Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (<http://www.invadingspecies.com/Report.cfm>); WDNR/UWEX - citizen monitoring network & early detection species program
- Keep it short, drop down species lists, GLIFWC's fields as a template
- Give citizens an option for follow thru/treatment recommendations
- Choose one species for a trial run
- Continue discussion at next donut discussion – draft a list of what we need/want and bring it to the January statewide data meeting

Business meeting:

Present: Matt Bushman (USFS), Wendy Stein (USFS), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield Cnty), Darienne McNamara (USFWS), Colleen Matula (WDNR) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

- *WI Coastal Management Grant*
 - Internship – Northland College/SIGO is still doing internships
 - No federal or state time can be used as match
 - Carmen followed up with the status report on October 15th, but has not received a response
- *Tool Shed Raising*
 - Need to build floor – materials have been purchased
 - Construction day - Saturday, December 1st at 9 a.m. – RSVP to Darienne by Nov.28th
 - Carmen will bring chili & Darienne will bring cornbread for lunch
- *Travel Green Grant*
 - Carmen purchased equipment for a spill kit (\$100 left over) - storage bins, measuring cups, tarp, kitty litter & first aid kit
- *Logo*
 - Dorothy, USFS, will draw the center of the logo (leafy spurge in hand w/work glove) & Heart Graphics will put together the rest for a minimal cost (out of brochure grant)
- *MOU*
 - MOU – handed out completed w/signatory pages
 - Dara will mail out the remainder
 - UWEX involvement – Stefania will follow-up w/Jason Fischbach
- *Misc.*
 - Leafy spurge – a few private landowners went out to treat, but weather was very uncooperative
 - Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) aquatic invasive species (AIS) MIPN flyer – Regional Director from the Park Service is paying for the cost to print the flyer
 - Bayfield County is working on their Strategic AIS Plan
 - December 6th in-house review & then it will be sent to NCWMA members to review
 - Big Bay State Park
 - Want a current assessment of the present invasive species to develop a park strategy (control work would start with buckthorn)

- Colleen will be going over for an initial assessment this winter – open invitation to everyone who would like to join
- Brule River State Forest
 - In mid-October conducted multiple buckthorn control plots
 - Appox. 10 different treatment options
- List of local invasive species control contractors
 - Colleen is drafting a list of local contractors – please contact Colleen if you know of any local contractors
- Winter buckthorn treatment experience?
 - Darienne is interested in any experiences of control work on buckthorn in the winter
 - Sleeping Bear Dunes conducted a basal bark treatment in the winter and had a good success rate
- City of Ashland
 - Darienne attended the City Park Board mtg this past month regarding the Pulling Together Initiative
 - Ashland would like to develop a weed ordinance – they will send it to the NCWMA to review
- Invasive Free Zones
 - Whittlesey Creek/NGLVC Invasive Free Zone guidebook
 - Received good feedback from around the area
 - Superior National Forest wants to develop invasive free zones
 - Moquah Barrens is established as an invasive free zone (approx. 14,000 acres)
 - Boundary Waters is interested in establishing invasive free zones - start with campgrounds & points of entry and expand out
- Grants
 - Look into Private grants for funding – Possibilities of getting funding for leafy spurge control - Plum Creek?

Upcoming Events:

Dec 19: Next NCWMA Mtg – business mtg at 10am. & donut discussion at 9am: continue online reporting discussion – draft of NCWMA needs/wants for January statewide data mtg.

Jan 24-25: Integrating Invasive Species Data Meeting

*** Please send Carmen any hours to be used as match for WI Coastal Mngmt grant (non-state or fed hours) for the past month if you were unable to attend the meeting ***