

Maryland Invasive Species Council
 1st Meeting
 Maryland Department of Agriculture, Conference Room 110
 April 18, 2000

Minutes:

- 9:15 Call to Order and Remarks, William F. Gimpel, Jr., Chief, Plant Protection Section, Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- 9:20 Welcome and Remarks, Hagner R. Mister, Deputy Secretary, MDA
- 9:22 Introductions

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Don Robbins	MDA - Supervisor, Noxious Weed Program	legislative issues, additions to noxious weed list
Carol Holko	MDA - Entomologist, IPM and Biocontrol Programs	release exotic beneficials
John Peter Thompson	Behnke Nurseries - CEO	representing Md Nurserymen's Assoc.
Larry Hurley	Behnke Nurseries - Executive Administration	representing Md Nurserymen's Assoc.
Carole Bordelon	National Arboretum, Asian Collection	release non-native plants to nurseries for distribution
Phil Pannill	Md. Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), Forest Service (FS)	terrestrial plants that invade forests
Jennifer Kujawski	USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)	National Plant Materials Resource Center, evaluate native and exotic species
Ken Oldham	Md. State Highway Administration	manages fringe areas, needs to be on cutting edge of new regulations, lists, funding, etc.
Dave Clement	Md. Cooperative Extension Service (CES), Home and Garden Information Center	questions from public, education awareness, web site, fact sheets
Mary Kaye Malinoski	Md. CES, Home and Garden Information Center - Entomologist	diagnostic web site, education and awareness
Mark Stuhl	USDA, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) - Baltimore Port Director	how to "shut off the flow" of exotics
Al Tasker	USDA-APHIS - Weed Scientist	noxious weed coordination, environmental documentation, pesticide R&D and registration, legal definitions

John Lydon	USDA-Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Weed Science Lab. - Plant Pathologist	biocontrol of Canada thistle
K. L. Kyde	Catoctin Mtn. Park	representing Mid Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Survey (MA-EPPC), quantify and assess threat to rare natives, identify dissemination of plants into natural areas
Don Van Hassent	Md. DNR-FS - Supervisor, Forest Stewardship Program	identify problems, programs, and ways to help
Bob Tichenor	MDA-Forest Pest Management (FPM)	preserve and protect, Gypsy Moth, risk assessment, information sharing
Don Eggen	Delaware Dept. of Agriculture (DDA) - Plant Industries Administrator	Invited Speaker, Chair-Delaware Invasive Species Council (DISC), partnering with neighboring states, information sharing, National Plant Board
Malcolm Sarna	MDA - Chief, Turf and Seed Section	state seed testing lab, seed certification, labeling and certification, invasive species lists
Lane Heimer	MDA - Noxious Weed Program, Western Maryland	regional inspector for noxious weed program
Bob Trumbule	MDA - Nursery Inspection and Quarantine, Weed Biocontrol	develop resource pool
Bob Rabaglia	MDA-FPM,	insects and disease in forests, impact of exotics, learn and communicate
Dick Bean	MDA - Survey Entomologist	Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS), National Agricultural Pest Information System (NAPIS)

10:05 Bob Rabaglia

The scheduled presentation by Randy Westbrook, Invasive Plant Coordinator for the U.S. Department of the Interior was cancelled, because the presenter was unable to attend. The purpose of MISC was restated. The council was advised to keep these points in mind through the morning session.

Presentations:

Dick Bean - overview of CAPS, (CIPPS, Cooperative Invasive Plant Pest Survey, in the future), Maryland Exotic Survey, and NAPIS

comments:

Tasker- need to differentiate between "detection" and "spread"; detection maps can be misleading as to the scope of the spread.

Bob Rabaglia - overview of forest pest insect surveys

Bob Trumbule - overview of established invasive species (insects, weeds) of concern; plant protection and quarantine goals are to minimize risk and spread, require cooperation of County State Federal Agencies as well as private concerns; without cooperation and communication, crucial time and effort will be lost.

Don Eggen - History and overview of DISC

12:00 break for lunch

1:10 AI Tasker - discussed proposed interim rule regarding interstate movement, provided handouts faxed by Randy Westbrook, National Early Warning System - 1) prevention, 2) early warning, 3) rapid response.

Working Session:

Bob Tichenor, facilitator - review statement of purpose, plan of action, and structure of group

Statement of Purpose:

1. To promote public awareness of problems caused by invasive species

no discussion

2. To facilitate communication and exchange of information on invasive species and their control or management.

no discussion

3. To determine research needs and priorities, and encourage research on, and funding for invasive species management.

discussion:

Tasker to Eggen - how to encourage funding without lobbying

Eggen - go directly to council; most proposals come directly from specific agency or group involved; cooperative agreements; expand current programs; wait and see how the federal government is going to handle the directive

Gimpel - reallocation of existing resources; add "eradication" to statement?

Eggen - council can act as clearing house to set priorities and assign to appropriate group

Tasker - the work really gets done at the state level

Eggen - supportive legislators should be represented at council meetings

4. To act as an invasive species advisory group that provides current information and

reviews prevention and management problems for the State of Maryland.

discussion:

Trumbule to Thompson - private industry perspective?

Thompson - wants to be in on "ground floor"; public perception, legislation, council should be inclusive

Facilitator - will this be the only group qualified to speak on these issues?

Trumbule - "State of Maryland" meant to be inclusive, not just refer to the agency.

Thompson - "provides...problems" provides a clear start; council will meet industry's needs with one place going one direction

Kyle - Governor's office opinion?

Eggen - Delaware's governor's council has endorsed the Executive Order and has a policy statement

Thompson - Maryland governor's office will probably be interested in the council

Gimpel, Thompson - need to keep control and focus of group and avoid having the council become a platform for other agendas

Gimpel - suggests eliminating words after "problem"

Heimer - "non-native" or "invasive"?

Tasker - Plant Protection Act: Congress says "invasive", not "non-native" or "alien"

Robbins - phragmites is a native

Thompson - in industry, "native invasive" is a subset of "invasive", better not to exclude; separate subcommittees for native and exotics?

Facilitator - "naturalized exotics" clouds the issue of "invasive"

Kyle - Is it necessary to state the intent to work in both natural and agricultural system?

Thompson - con: inclusive membership will speak to the council's purpose and it would be limiting to be specific; pro; would promote membership to diverse groups externally

Bean - the membership will define the group

Facilitator - presentation of purpose statement will affect outside perception

Gimpel - all invasive species represented within membership, with individual projects assigned to lead agencies; the DISC mission statement incorporates the Agriculture and DNR mission statements

Facilitator - more inclusive without specific statements

Trumbule - ad hoc committee to develop mission statement?

Eggen - Executive Order refers to "ecosystem" approach to problem, so use in mission statement?; shorter is better, fewer terms to define

Gimpel - "protect" implies that we are the action agency

Eggen - the council "protects" through the actions of the membership; the council is not the action group

Oldham - won't solve these problems in one hour

Thompson - should we temporarily adopt the DISC mission statement?

Eggen - send it as an action item to a working group?
Trumbule - form ad hoc committee to review mission statement
Group - Agreed

Formation of working groups:

1. early detection and response

Trumbule - conduct surveys, plan of action

2. information and database

Facilitator - handle survey information

3. research and projects

Facilitator - see same topic under "purpose" use the collective wisdom of the group; identify gaps

4. council organization

Trumbule - doesn't have to be all done now

Robbins - need idea of group's identity so won't be overloaded by interest groups

5. public information and educational awareness

Facilitator - take information and database externally; other issues, questions, #6?

discussion:

Oldham: how does purpose relate to SHA?

Thompson: protect SHA; get reliable information to maintain roadways

Oldham: would council generate lists, what to plant?

Trumbule: research and projects?

Gimpel: no, should be a horticultural issue, using existing lists, resources

Thompson: council could serve as a clearinghouse to decide if list is still appropriate, forum for given conditions, ecosystem challenges, available options

Group - fits with "research and projects."

Robbins - e.g. council could have advised SHA regarding multiflora rose planting

Gimpel - should we have a list of approved plants rather than a list of prohibited plants?

Facilitator - council can provide advice and guidance for SHA

Eggen - procedurally, don't split too much too early; combine 1, 2, 3 as internal issues; 4 is structural, and 5 is external, i.e. three groups

Rabaglia - members may want to join more than one working group

Break-out group Summaries:

1.-3 early detection and response, information and database, research and projects

Dick Bean, Carole Bordelon, Jennifer Kujawski, K. C. Kyles, Ken Oldham, Bob Rabaglia, Mark Stuhl, Bob Trumbule

Research-set aside for now

- i. starting point - compile a lists of lists from various groups, potentially problematic species
- ii. develop system for early detection and rapid response program in natural areas, using agricultural systems as model
- iii. look for a unified system for risk assessment protocol across all taxa

4. council organization

Bill Gimpel, Carol Holko, Larry Hurley, Don Robbins, Malcolm Sarna, John Peter Thompson

- instead of bylaws, will develop organizational rules re how council will function
- Chair will be facilitator
- draft of mission statement:

“MISC provides leadership and encourages efforts which prevent the introduction and manage the impact of invasive species on Maryland ecosystems”

5. public information and educational awareness

Dave Clement, John Lyden, Mary Kaye Malinoski, Bob Tichenor

- encourage wider participation via mailing lists
- activities will be Web based - who what where? University of MD short-term
- will be the one group that would require funding, Web manager Web page, advertising, promotional materials, mailings

The next MISC general meeting was tentatively set for June 13, 2000. A formal announcement will be sent.

4:00 meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol Holko