

Maryland Invasive Species Council
USDA BARC, Building 011A, Room 119
February 8, 2001

Minutes

Call to order ~9:45 a.m.
Bob Tichenor, moderator

Introductions

Attendees:

Carole Bergmann, M-NCPPC, MA-EPPC
Carol Bordelon, USDA/ARS/USNA
Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries
John Peter Thompson, MNLA
Tonya Mallozzi, UM*
Sandra Sardanelli, UM-IPM
Donnelle Keech, Nature Conservancy
John Lyden, USDA/ARS/SASL
Mary Kay Malinoski, UM-HGIC
Ernest Delfosse, USDA/ARS
Carol Holko, MDA-PPWM

Wayne Tyndall, MD DNR-Wildlife and Heritage
Harley Speir, MD DNR-Fisheries Service*
Betty Marose, UM-IPM
Jennifer Kujawski, USDA/NRCS
Kerrie Kyde, MA-EPPC
Stanton Gill, UMD-CMREC*
Julie Thompson, USFWS-CBFO
Robert Tichenor, MDA-FPM
Doug Luster, USDA/ARS*
Robert Trumbule, MDA-PPWM

*indicates new attendee

Presentation by Ernest Delfosse, USDA/ARS
The ARS Role in Invasive Species Management

Discussion of relevance of presentation to MISC

MISC should respond to calls for public comment on proposed actions such as Invasive Species Management Plan in Invasive Species Executive Order
MISC should focus on economics, i.e. quantify whenever possible; use resources such as the NASS website and Cooperative Extension Service as a starting point for information on chemical use and distribution
Although grants are available, more “worker bees” are needed to execute them; areas include research, education, extension, and meetings
For information on proposed ARS regional centers for invasive species located at Universities, contact Tom Bewick, Invasive Species Coordinator for CSREES.

Old business

Review minutes of October 10 meeting
minutes accepted as corrected.

Reports from Working Groups

Organization:

Proposed membership structure and procedures

Discussion:

Donnelle Keech - Who will sign correspondence from MISC? Facilitator?

Wayne Tyndall - asked why we might wish to stay informal. Response included consensus building and inclusiveness.

Kerrie Kyde, Betty Marose - suggested that we begin to work towards formality to be ready should it become necessary.

Sandra Sardanelli - Many grants favor interagency cooperation. Even without formal structure, MISC could compete favorably for interagency grants, dividing the budget up among the participating groups.

John Peter Thompson - Absence is a vote to allow things to proceed; purpose of the thumbs down vote is to avoid parliamentary mischief, to send the issue back to discussion, promoting consensus building; every procedure has obstruction potential.

Bob Tichenor - Proxies don't work for consensus building purposes.

Group - Motion 4 (below) - Deadlines will be externally imposed on a case by case basis; these will generally not be controversial concerns.

Motions put before the group by John Peter Thompson:

1. We will remain informal for now. The Organizational Committee will meet with all interested parties before the next MISC meeting to discuss the move towards formalization.
Motion seconded and passed.
2. All agencies represented to date will be considered "participating agencies." All attendees to date will be considered "members."
Motion seconded and passed.
3. Issues to be addressed and voted on at a meeting will be made available prior to the meeting to all members of record at least 3 weeks before scheduled meeting. Members must be present to vote.
Motion seconded and passed.
4. Issues that cannot wait until the next meeting will be sent out for comment via the list serve to all members of record. Voting will proceed as in motion 5. Non-response will be considered a go-ahead vote.
Motion seconded and passed.
5. Voting will be conducted as follows: An issue will be brought to the floor.

Attending members will have the option to vote 1)thumb up = yes, 2)thumb to side = not in agreement, but no vote to block, 3)thumb down = request to continue discussion.

Motion seconded and passed.

Kerrie Kyde - We need an agenda for the meetings. Committee concurred.

Education and Outreach:

Mary Kay Malinoski - Needs information on new members from this and October meeting to add to list serve <invasives@umail.umd.edu>; let her know if links need to be added to the pest alerts/invasive species page on HGIC web page, www.umd.edu/users/hgic; contact her by contacting the webmaster.

Bob Tichenor - No progress on MISC Web site through MDA.

Kerrie Kyde - Asked if the list serve is open to anyone.

Mary Kay - List serve is actually a mail reflector and is closed. Names can be added or deleted only by Mary Kay.

Projects:

The List:

Kerrie Kyde - List of invasive species of most immediate concern of all taxa, not quite finished copy, more review necessary as a result of reviewers' input; draft list *DO NOT COPY OR DISTRIBUTE*; Red Alert species - not here yet but considered to be high risk; working group will be meeting at the end of February.

Bob Trumbule - List has been through two formal rounds of comment; send comments to him.

Stanton Gill - Why is water hyacinth a red alert species?

Bob Trumbule - different species, *E. azurea*, not *E. crassipes* used in nursery trade

Sandra Sardanelli - some *Heterodera* and *Meloidogyne* species should be red alert, will get correction to Bob Trumbule.

John Peter Thompson - What will happen with the list, e.g. eventual public distribution and comment?

Bob Trumbule - Primary objective will be to build a consensus on what species need to be addressed.

John Peter Thompson - When can we start getting feedback from industry?

Kerrie Kyde - Not yet; working group has not decided on the purpose of the list, will present the finalized list and a proposal to the council, who will decide the purpose.

Bob Trumbule - many layers of possible use of list - education, funding, prioritizing, management decisions, etc.

Does *Hemerocallis* include cultivars?

Bob Trumbule, Kerrie Kyde - In this case, species only; the committee has no position in general on whether cultivars are equally invasive as the

species.

Harley Speir - This list has potential use to aquatic nuisance species plant law; will list species considered to be problematic, seek regulatory authority and consult with this committee; list could assume a great deal of importance if authority to regulate is granted.

John Peter Thompson - agrees with the power of a list; a list is needed; will work with the committee to get the word out to industry.

Stanton Gill - Why are established species on list? Campaign to eradicate?

Bob Trumbule, Kerrie Kyde - Species by species case; relevance to education and funding; list is a starting point for species that are widely recognized to be problematic in MD ecosystems.

Betty Marose - Could we have a paragraph to explain why each species is on the list to help the committee explain to their constituency?

Discussion - That is the purpose of the key.

Harley Speir - has a paragraph for each species on the ANS plan.

Betty Marose - Maybe list could be categorized by e.g.. "Restricted and Invasive" or "Widespread and Invasive".

John Peter Thompson - The whole approved list can be presented in different ways.

Donnelle - The list is not a data base; it is a "poster child" approach.

Bob Trumbule - the list can be diminished by increasing in size.

The Letters:

Letter of Support for Delaware National Heritage Program/DISC USGS State Partnerships grant; position within DE Heritage program to develop state wide, GIS based, interactive database; Donnelle has a copy of the letter and two page summary of proposal.

Draft letter to DNR Secretary Taylor-Rogers

Kerrie Kyde - concern for gaps in representation by DNR in MISC; need for lead contact person within DNR; elevate importance of MISC to DNR administration with external nudge.

Wayne Tyndall - formal request to solidify the relationships of those DNR groups that are involved with invasives under the umbrella of MISC

Concerns from group - Is DNR getting a special invitation?; Is this a MISC problem or DNR problem? Maybe letter not necessary, just communication from MISC members.

Harley Speir - good idea to send letter to Secretary that MISC exists.

Motion by John Peter Thompson:

The issue and letter will be sent back to Projects Committee for clarification; committee will make copies of letter, etc. available via list serve before next meeting.

Motion seconded and passed.

John Peter Thompson - We should have Membership Committee to address

areas of accessibility, credibility, inclusiveness, diversity;
organizational committee will visit this issue.
Projects Working Group will meet again February 27.

New business

Betty Marose - suggested project: summaries of what different groups are doing re
invasive species.

Harley Speir - can do summary for Fisheries Services.

Donnelle, Bob Tichenor - brief summary of each participating group's activities will
help us get to know each other better, establish starting points for areas of
expertise.

Final Business

Next meeting Thursday, April 5, 2001, at Behnke's Nursery, Beltsville, MD, 9:30
a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Suggested future meeting agenda items - 15 minute presentations within the
groups.

Adjourn ~1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carol Holko