

MARYLAND INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL
Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
Ellicott City, MD
February 5, 2003
Minutes

Call to order 9:30 - Bob Tichenor

Additions to Agenda

Attendees:

Dick Bean, MDA-PPWM	Fred Mann USDA-APHIS-PPQ
*Brenda Belinski	Betty Marose, UM-IPM
Carole Bordelon, USDA/ARS/USNA	Jonathon McKnight, DNR, Wildlife and Heritage
Don Cober, MD SHA	Caroline Myers, MDE
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	Don Robbins, MDA-PPWM
Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR FS	Pete Rupp, MDA-PPWM
Lane Heimer, MDA-PPWM	Laura Stedman, MD SHA
Carol Holko, MDA-PPWM	Al Tasker, USDA-APHIS
Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries	John Peter Thompson, MNLA, Behnke Nurseries
Carol Jelich, MNPS	Julie Thompson, USFWS-CBFO
*Sylvan Kauhman, Adkins Arboretum	Bob Tichenor, MDA-FPM
*Andrew Lazur, UM-MCE	Robert Trumbule, MDA-PPWM

* new attendee

Membership

(Membership requests, see page 3.)

Motion to accept Ruth Hanessian as voting MISC member. Motion seconded and passed.

Approval of minutes from December 4, 2002

Motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Comment - Are committee designations still valid; should we move to Project Teams?

Organizational - no activity

Projects

- Press Release - Focus of 1st release to be updated brochure, MDA public information office helped with draft and will distribute release for us, from MISC, not MDA.
Bob Tichenor will speak for the group when calls come in to MDA (MISC contact phone number).
Draft list of potential monthly invaders passed around; MNLA concerned about Japanese barberry; Council will decide today on the next couple of months' alerts; committee will assemble final composite list and submit for review and approval of the Council; **Submit invader of the month suggestions to Carole Bergmann, Carole.Bergmann@MNCPPC.ORG**
February - updated brochure
March - Hemlock wooly adelgid
Motion to nominate hemlock wooly adelgid as March invader of the month. Motion seconded.
Discussion - alerts should include links, image; Bob Rabaglia will prepare release.
Motion passed.
April - Giant hogweed
Motion to nominate giant hogweed as April invader of the month. Motion seconded.
Discussion - Donny has CAPS money to survey for hogweed; visible, flowers in May;

garlic mustard and fire ant are also timely but could be done later.

Motion passed.

Julie Thompson will prepare article for zebra mussel and list of aquatic invertebrates.

Press release should go out on the first of the month.

Whole council will approve list; committee will decide on format and content.

Should we track inquiries generated by release? Individual responders may choose to track their correspondence; Council may revisit this at a later time.

- Web page, Carol Holko

Draft RFP and proposed outline of the site is done, will probably go out next week; \$5000 in grant for job.

Contact Carol Holko holkoca@mda.state.md.us with suggestions for designers and to be involved with site development.

NEW BUSINESS

Dick Bean

- Recent State actions against invasive species

Vermont recently adopted a rule banning the sale or transport of over 30 invasive exotic plants www.state.vt.us/agric/invasive.htm

Colorado banned the sale of Russian olive, increasing the list of banned species to 16.

Virginia - Bill to place English ivy on state's noxious weed list withdrawn; sponsor is expected to introduce new bill to give localities freedom to list and ban plants deemed invasive.

Al Tasker

- Michigan - Congressman Ehler is proposing legislation to establish the National Invasive Species Council in law (currently is under an Executive Order), rotate leadership around agencies; council would develop invasive and endangered species guidelines.

<http://www.legislative.noaa.gov/Testimony/072601hearing%20report.html>

Recording Secretary's note: I'm not sure if this is the text that Al was referring to, but it is all I could find on the subject.

Dick Bean

- National Plant Pest and Disease Diagnostic Network - Regional diagnostic centers designed to get information from state diagnostic labs to national database, track trends, streamline information to National Agriculture Pest Information System (NAPIS); Northeast Regional Center at Cornell University; trial states (including Delaware) to be on line by June 2003, all states by Spring 2004.

Don Robbins

- DNR bill to deal with aquatic invasive species; purpose is to gain regulatory authority on private lands; MDA concerns about "all aquatic species" affecting the nursery industry - bill amended to consult with the Secretary of Agriculture for approval for aquatic plants.
- Bill 287 <http://mlis.state.md.us/2003rs/billfile/sb0287.htm> submitted by Senator Brian E. Frosh, District 16

Both bills impact controversial property rights issues; intent is for prevention, rapid response. Time frame for comment?

Dick Bean

- Asian longhorned beetle found in New Jersey across river from Manhattan - will remove over 100 trees.
- MDA invasive species/giant hogweed meeting sometime in May - health concerns include 2nd degree blistering of skin which can impair defense from UV exposure; popular landscape plant in mid to late '80s.
- Potato mop top virus on potatoes - causes internal necrosis; found in seed lots in Maine, 5+ provinces in Canada; Canada won't share survey results; found in 2002 in Maryland on processing potatoes (field-grown plants); Maryland will continue to monitor (Canadian) seed stock.

Julie Thompson

- copies of USFWS *Plant Invaders of Mid Atlantic Natural Areas* available; Edie Thompson (DNR) and Jill Swearingen (National Park Service) jill_swearingen@nps.gov have supply; will be posted on www.nps.gov
- Need someone to work on Sea Grant draft management strategies for purple loosestrife in Chesapeake Bay watershed - Dick and Bob Trumbule will help; proceedings on Sea Grant web site <http://www.mdsg.umd.edu/>
- Asian oyster - Virginia seafood council is planning to release 1 million 100% sterile triploids this Spring; more accountability, tighter security, but MD still concerned about reversion, intentional introductions of diploids; National Academy of Sciences study on the consequences of releasing non-native oysters in Bay waters to be released in June.

Caroline Myers

- US Coast Guard proposing federal guidelines - \$25,000 fine for not filing ballast water report forms (discharge of ballast water in U.S. waters) to SERC.

Carol Holko

- Pennsylvania Integrated Pest Management video "BugMobile vs. Invasive Species" - \$35.00, mail check or money order to "The Pennsylvania State University" to ICT, 119 Ag Administration Building, University Park PA 16802-2602; VISA and MasterCard call (814) 865-6309.
- Northeast Regional Master Gardener Conference to be held in Timonium October 5-9, 2004 - would like for MISC to have a display/presence; need volunteers to develop display, seek funding for same, and volunteers to staff booth; Laura Stedman will take lead in developing display.

Al Tasker

- provided Mike Kenney article on "Plant quarantine on the front line at Kennedy Airport: the size of the problem" in *Frontiers of Plant Science* magazine.
- article on daylily rust in *Agricultural Research*, November 2002 - "Daylilies Under Attack" <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/AR/archive/nov02/lilies1102.htm>
- Feb 24 - National Weed Awareness Week.
- WSSA meeting next week.
- Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Units (CESU) systems - potential speaker?

Betty Marose - opportunities for invasive species issues in curriculum development.

- Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Educators.
- World Wildlife Fund - curriculum materials for 11-14 year olds.
- Queen Anne's County program for students to survey and report on invasive species; will expand to other counties.

Larry Hurley

- Behnke's newsletter - article on alternatives to English ivy.

Requesting voting membership in MISC:

Jonathon McKnight, MD Department of Natural Resources
Pete Rupp, MD Department of Agriculture
Andrew Lazur, University of Maryland, Cooperative Extension
Sylvan Kauhman, Adkins Arboretum

Next meeting

1st week in April, USFWS, Annapolis, Julie Thompson will host meeting. Details to follow.

Adjourn

Press release and Web site meeting afterward for anyone interested.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Holko, Recording Secretary.