



Maryland Invasive Species Council
April 21, 2005
Behnke Nurseries
Beltsville, MD

Call to Order: ~9:45 a.m. Bob Tichenor

Additions to the agenda

None

Introductions

Dick Bean, MDA	Chris Lockett, MDE
Dave Clement, MCE HGIC	Fred Mann, USDA APHIS
Rachel Cliche, USFWS	Betty Marose, MCE
Eric Duce, SHA	Bob Rabaglia, MDA
Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR	Pete Rupp, MDA
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	*Narine Sarvazyan, GW Univ Medical Center
Lane Heimer, MDA	Jil Swearingen, NPS
Carol Holko, MDA	Sara Tangren, Chesapeake Native Nursery
Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries	Al Tasker, USDA APHIS
Carol Jelich, MNPS	Sara Tasker
Sylvan Kaufman, Adkins Arboretum	John Peter Thompson, MNLA
Patrick Kelly, AA Co. Rec. And Parks	Bob Tichenor, MDA
Kerrie Kyde, MD DNR	Bob Trumbule, MDA

* new attendee

Additions to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes from February, 2005

Motion to approve minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and approved.

Membership

Motion to accept Chris Lockett as voting member of MISC. Motion seconded and approved.

Motion to accept Pat Kelley as voting member of MISC. Motion seconded and approved.

Presentation of MDA Employee of the Year plaque to Dick Bean for emerald ash borer eradication project. Congratulations Dick!

MISC list

Motion to add Callery pear to MISC list. Motion seconded and approved.

Dave Clement will get information for write-up

Other proposed list adjustments:

Group all bush honeysuckle into *Lonicera spp.*

SOD - ramorum blight, *Phytophthora ramorum*

Snakehead - 2 regulated species (Ruth H.)

Add brown marmorated stink bug

Footnote to list - e.g. "see most current list on Website"; partial list on brochure, more comprehensive list on Website

email comments to Carol, holkoca@mda.state.md.us

Motion to submit minor list changes to general list serve vote for the purpose of reprinting brochure.

Motion seconded and approved.

Motion to form ad hoc committee to consider purpose of brochure and Web lists. Motion withdrawn.

Invader of the Month

July, September

Motion to nominate hydrilla as July IOM. Motion seconded and passed.

Kerrie will write. AI Tasker will help and provide photos

Motion to nominate kudzu with tie-in to soybean rust as September IOM. Motion seconded and passed.

Betty Marose will write. MDA will help.

Callery pear as candidate for Spring, 2006

Asian tiger mosquito? Human health not in our initial purview. No buy-in from MDA or health officials. Discuss as agenda item at future meeting

Updates:

AI Tasker

- National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW) 6 - successful, broad spectrum, non-traditional audiences included
- NIWAW 7 - Feb 27, 2006 tentative date, contact AI if interested in planning
- Weed Control & Eradication Act - part of Plant Protection Act, may be assigned to APHIS, answer to GAO report regarding invasive weeds, involve other agencies, states, and regions in allocating money. Some \$\$ maybe available in FY06 by Congressional Act
- ANPR - "Q-37" (7 CFR Part 319.37), quarantine on imports of Plants for Planting

Proposed changes include:

1. Establish programs to reduce risk of establishment of plant pests,
2. Establish new import category of plant taxa to be excluded pending PRA,
3. Improved data collection to determine taxa, origin, volume,
4. Reevaluation of currently prohibited taxa,
5. Include all plants for planting regulations into one.

Relates to propagative material, weeds generally are contaminants

Evaluate potential risk of propagative material to become invasive

DNR - Kerrie Kyde

- Volunteer weed pulls - DNR looking to expand and formalize work with volunteer groups
Savage River State Forest - Japanese spirea
- USFWS published in Federal Register; 125 species not protected by Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act - MBTRA (3/2005)
Fund for Animals and Humane Society filed suit Monday for "lifting" mute swan protections; MD DNR control efforts may be limited this year because of suit
What can private citizens do? Kerrie will research and post to list serve
- Draft MISC poster - comment on posted copy regarding look, style to Kerrie,
kkyde@dnr.state.md.us

MDA - Dick Bean, Carol Holko, Lane Heimer

- Looking for exotic wood boring beetles by trapping
- Pine shoot beetle - populations increasing in Garrett County, nothing in Montgomery or Frederick Counties
- Emerald ash borer - sentinel trees planted in buffer and outplanted sites; Forest Pest Management surveying property owned and state parks visited by MI residents in Western Maryland - sentinel trees planted
- Soybean rust - overwintered on kudzu in FL; visit
http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/soybean_rust.php for Maryland Plan and links;
50' x 50' sentinel plots around country to map progression - six in Maryland; MCE sending out 75 master gardener packets with pole beans for additional sentinel plots; MDA will report first detection in state

funded, pending full funding

Carol Holko

Invasive plant legislation summaries at Eastern Plant Board meeting; we can learn from what others have done

Chris Lockett

- State ballast water exchange legislation repealed - replaced by new federal legislation
- MDE involvement - invasive species are environmental pollution
- Empty frog boxes found near Lake Elkhorn in Columbia - coordinated with DNR; probably false alarm

Anne Hairston-Strang

- Draft of riparian buffer design and maintenance guide - will send out to listserve for review

Eric Duce - SHA Canada thistle spraying to commence

Contact Al Tasker, Alan.V.Tasker@USDA.gov, for extra copies of *Weed Technology, 2004 Invasive Weed Symposium*

Requesting MISC membership -

Future meeting dates & locations

Wednesday, June 13, Adkins Arboretum, Faith Kuehn speaker - "Plants for a Livable Delaware",
alternatives to invasive landscape plants

August - contact Bob with suggestions for location

~Adjourn 12:45~

Respectfully submitted by:

Carol Holko, Recording Secretary