



Maryland Invasive Species Council

January 21, 2010

Seneca Creek State Park

Gaithersburg, MD

Call to Order: ~ 9:40 am, Kerrie Kyde

Introductions

Carole Bergmann, M-NCPPC

Jorge Bogantes, AWS

Leena A. Chapagain, AWS

Timothy Culbreth, MDNR

Eric Duce, SHA

Ruth Hanessian, MAPI

Sunnie Hawkins, Aberdeen Proving
Grounds

Lane Heimer, MDA

Mike Hemming, Eastern Shore Nurseries

Carol Holko, MDA

Marc Imlay, AWS

Jay Kilian, MDNR

Kerrie Kyde, MDNR

Deborah Landau, TNC

Chris Lockett, MDE

John Lydon, USDA ARS

Betty Marose, UME

Jonathan McKnight, DNR

Pete Rupp, MDA

Eric Sibley, AWS

Al Tasker, USDA APHIS

John Peter Thompson, MNLA, NISC

Marek Topolski, MDNR

Mary Travaglini, TNC

Matt Travis, USDA APHIS

Coale Wilde, student

Additions to the Agenda

Al Tasker, NISAW

Approval of Minutes, July, September, November 2009 meetings

Motion to approve July and September minutes. Motion seconded and approved.

Motion to approve November minutes as amended by Kerrie. Motion seconded and approved.

Membership

- TNC will be member if can send different person to meetings and maintain membership. Okay if one person is member of record. TNC will decide who and request membership.
- Check membership contact information and report changes/corrections to Lane Heimer, laneheimer@gmail.com. He will let Carol H. (Website) and Mary Kay M. (listserv) know.

Invader of the Month (IOTM) – Tim Culbreth

- Need February Invader of the Month. ??

AWS draft legislation and review of State policies of invasive species, status of document

- White paper has been revised and is referred to in bill
- 135 species on list
- Willing to negotiate with industry
- Comments ASAP
- Draft legislation should be final by June/July 2010 for 2011 Legislative Session
- Kerrie would like to chair sub committee to review legislation for MISC. Kerrie will send email to set up group and meet in February. Will discuss at March MISC meeting.
- Who is proposed regulatory agency? – TBD, probably DNR or MDA
- John Peter Thompson - The Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association objects to any plan that does not include transparent biological and economic risk assessment models and protocols.
- State agencies for the most part can't support legislative actions that include large fiscal note at this time.

Marc Imlay - Senator Harry Reid's "100th Meridian Invasive Species State Revolving Loan Fund" bill (S.1949). Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

- Sen. Reid would consider extending bill to Eastern states upon request by eastern Senators
- AWS, representing 27 agencies, working with Sen. Cardin's office
- Not taking \$\$ from \$80M for Western States – would be additional funding
- Asking for \$1M each to MD and VA for WLBG for five years, would add other species if WLBG is controlled, potentially others that move into WLBG void.
- Need support for bill – phone call is adequate; support from other Eastern states Senators

Al Tasker – 2010 National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW)

- Formerly NIWAW
- Good start and should continue all taxa approach, WSSA would like to see support from other Societies.

Carol Holko - Additions to MISC web page - Maryland projects on invasive species

- One stop shopping inventory of projects in MD, NOT a place to set up mini Websites for projects
- Links to information on invasive species activities in MD
- Template for project submission
- Carol will send link, <http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/projects>, out to listserv for comment by next meeting, then will seek formal approval; then can start populating the pages

Carol Holko - Social networking (e.g., Facebook and Twitter) for MISC

- Carol will set up FB account meeting – just mission statement and Web link for now, we'll see where it goes

- Concerns about security and privacy with social networking – Carol will not put any personal information on the page
- Marc will arrange for speaker on social networking for MISC, will contact John Lydon

Marc Imlay - Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council workshop August 2010 - speakers on Biocontrol

- Draft agenda handed out
- Email Kerrie or Marc to recommend speakers for species that have biocontrol projects

Marc Imlay - Nutrient availability and movement as impacted by invasive species; need for statistical analysis.

- Let Marc know of any research reports you have on this subject

Agency Updates

MDA – Carol Holko

In the interest of time, no report

MDNR – Kerrie Kyde, Jonathan McKnight

- 1st case of CWD in VA in January
 - No indication that outbreaks are correlated with high populations of deer
 - Spread of particle initially through farmed deer, now through deer to deer contact

SHA – Eric Duce

- Busy with projects funded by stimulus \$\$ for invasive plant removal and replacement, includes follow up maintenance
- Next round will have additional \$\$ - check SHA Website for job opportunities

MDE - Chris Lockett

No report

USDA APHIS - Al Tasker, Matt Travis

- Farm Bill Section 10201 spending plan is out
 - http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pest_detection/farm_bill.shtml for information
 - Enhanced dog detection teams for domestic survey – e.g. snails, Maryland will get serviced by traveling dog teams
- USFS Morgantown – proposed funding for evaluating dead and dying trees and screen for causal agent in areas of risk in D.C. – would like input regarding potential sites from MISC membership; contact Matt
- Revising plant pest risk assessment process

- Discussion re invasiveness of biofuel plants and concerns regarding initiatives in MD
- Chesapeake Bay Commission Report on biofuels - <http://www.chesbay.state.va.us/Publications/nexgen%20biofuels1.pdf>

UME – Betty Marose

- MCE now UME (dropped “Cooperative”)

ARS – John Lydon

- Working on mitigation protocols for working with invasive species – driven by biofuels issue

News and New Business

John Peter Thompson

- Invasives such as kudzu being considered for use in Haiti
- IPM3 Training Consortium – USDA NIFA (formerly CSREES) initiative, would like invasive species component

Ruth Hanessian

- Bird owners can't get white striped sunflower seed from CA because growing land is being used for biofuels instead; suppliers are now trying to get it from China

Kerrie Kyde

- Suggest that members bring own coffee mugs and copies of documents – no opposition

Sunnie Hawkins - Aberdeen Proving Ground

- APG wants to get more active with invasive species issues, e.g. Japanese stiltgrass and Canada thistle

Matt Travis

- Secretary Clinton brought repatriation citizens from Haiti through Andrews last week – CBP and Maryland officials there.

Next Meeting- Friday March 19, 2010, NAL

Bob Fierovid, National Program Leader for Bioenergy Crops, USDA-ARS, will speak on ARS Bioenergy and Energy Alternatives Program

Adjourn – 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary