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MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Leslie Surprenant, Leader Invasive Species Coordination Unit
RE: Meeting # 24 (Jan. 8, 2015) NY IS Council
DATE: May 4, 2015

Council met at the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Peebles Island State Park in Waterford on January 26, 2015 from 10:00 – 3:00 pm. There were 7 council agencies represented; therefore, thereby meeting the 2/3 quorum for decision-making.

ISC Representatives Present:
Kathy Moser, DEC, Co-Chair
Christopher Logue, DAM
Robert O'brien, OPHRP
Shelah LaDuc, DOT
Howard Goebel, CC

Also Present from Council Agencies:
Leslie Surprenant, DEC (ISCU)
David Adams, DEC (ISCU)
Dave Curtis, Thruway
Jason Denham, DEC
Edward Snizek, APA
Peter Dunleavy, DOT

Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:
Meredith Taylor, NYC Dept. Environmental Protection

Present from Public:
Mark Whitmore, Cornell University
Carrie Brown-Lima, Cornell University / NYISRI
Rob Williams, TNC / AIPPP
Jennifer Dean, SUNY ESF / NYNHP / NYiMapInvasives
Chuck O'neill, Cornell University

Meeting #23 Summary – Leslie Surprenant
ISC accepted meeting summary.

ISAC Update – Meredith Taylor (2 Handouts)
Meredith Taylor is new chair of ISAC. Provided final 2014 ISAC report. ISAC discussed 2015 priorities at its 11/24 meeting and requests a joint ISAC/ISC meeting. ISAC's 2015 initiatives are:

- Education and outreach on Part 575 Invasive Species Regulations (Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species)
- Assist in developing an early detection / rapid response list and protocol
- Continue 2014 initiatives

- o Public Awareness Poll
- o NY IS Awareness Week
- o Invasive Species “Bookshelf”

IS Awareness Week July 12-18

Workgroup members formed PRISM leaders, NYISRI coordinator, and Cornell Cooperative Extension) is planning the 2nd annual NYISAW

Public Awareness Poll – Chuck O’neill (2 handouts)

Two-part study underway is being conducted by Cornell under its statewide Education and Outreach contract with DEC to determine level of awareness and knowledge of IS. The first part screened 3400 NY residents to determine awareness and second part (currently underway) re-surveys willing individuals who self-identified as anglers, boaters, campers, hikers or gardeners to measure the relative importance of IS as a concern compared to other issues and what, if any, actions those individuals take to prevent the spread of IS. Null hypothesis was that NY’s citizens would have a low level of awareness and knowledge. Results: 74% have some awareness and 1/3 indicate they “know something” about. More information about the study and the Phase 1 report is in a link from this Clearinghouse webpage: http://www.nyis.info/?action=isp_reports The final project report with recommendations is expected to be completed by the end of May prior to the contract end date of June 30, 2015.

Mission Statement – Kathy Moser

A Council mission statement was unanimously adopted by the Council. The Council’s Mission is “to foster collaboration and coordination among State agencies, the New York Invasive Species Advisory Committee, and stakeholders across the State to minimize the harm caused by invasive species to New York’s environment, economy, and human health.”

Regulatory and Legislative Updates – Chris Logue, Dave Adams

USDA APHIS has quarantined all of NYS for Emerald Ash Borer. DEC and DAM are working on an infestation-based quarantine that will better protect the majority of NY’s geography that has not been identified as EAB-infested. New NYS regulation should take effect 5/1/15.

Part 575 (Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species) – Nursery trade and pet industries have worked closely with DAM and DEC and developed labels for regulated species and have shared with their constituents online for download. Cultivar exemptions: a cultivar assessment team was formed with agency, industry, academia, and conservation interests represented. A cultivar assessment tool developed by a team of experts in the Long Island PRISM was recommended by the statewide assessment team and adopted by the ISC at this meeting. The assessment team reviewed cultivars of 7 Japanese barberry for potential exemption from prohibition and has recommended 4 Japanese barberry cultivars for exemption (“Aurea”); however, only 1 will be listed in the State Register because trademark names for 3 cultivars have

not been registered. The team also assessed 2 cultivars regulated species that would provide alternatives to IS: Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*). (Editor's note: these cultivar exemptions and 1 Chinese Silver Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) (regulated) will be listed in the ENB and State Register on 5/20/15)

AIS Boat Launch Law – Passed and signed by Governor. DEC staff are working on regulatory language for “reasonable precautions” (new Part 576) needed to slow the spread of AIS by boating. Divisions of Lands and Forests and Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources are coordinating stakeholder engagement. The regulations will take effect in the fall (date TBD).

Guest Discussion on Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (off agenda lunch time discussion) – Mark WhitmoreMark discussed control tools for HWA (chemical and biological control) and his interest in identifying statewide priorities for protecting significant hemlocks and hemlock stands with a focus on keeping HWA this ecologically-critical species, especially in the Adirondacks. He is researching development of insectaries in hemlock hedges to rear biological control beetles to reduce the cost of applying biological control.

Priorities / Action Plan – Dave Adams (Handout)

Council accepted 2015 Action Plan with the addition of initiating an HWA working group and supporting bio-control research on HWA.

ACTION ITEM– ISCU set up meeting on priority setting with NYISRI, PRISMs, CCE. (Done - NYISRI hosted priorities setting workshop with 2 contract facilitators, PRISM leaders, iMap, CCE, and ISCU at Cornell University on 4/22-23)

AIS Management Plan – Leslie Surprenant

AIS Management Plan team reviewed comments and is working on finalizing plan (Editor's note: final plan is on DEC's final internal review routing as of 5/4/15)

Round Robin – ISC Agencies

APA – Ed Snizek

- working on rapid response plan for Adks based on Lk Champlain Basin Program's RR plan
- working on joint APA/DEC permit with expedited review for RR

Canal Corp – Howard Goebel

- CC working with US Army Corps of Engineers on 2015 treatment of hydrilla in Erie Canal at Tonawanda
- 10 boat stewards in 2015
- Working with ACOE on scope for feasibility study for separation of Hudson and Champlain basins in canal system

DAM – Chris Logue

- Deregulating golden nematode quarantine farms; 70% now deregulated; target is 90%
- Surveys for plum pox showing “clean” plants; will change regs to allow more planting of susceptible species in NY
- ALB delimiting surveys underway on Long Island (USDA funding)

DOT – Shelah La Duc

- Great Lakes States DOTs working together on Phragmites initiative
- DOT participating on EAB task forces
- Pollinator support on DOT ROWs – mostly no mowing

NYSTA – Dave Curtis

- NYSTA travel plazas can host education and outreach materials

Public Comment - Public

Meredith Taylor – DEP is undergoing internal discussions on how to address hydrilla in Croton Reservoir (Westchester Co).

Wrap Up – Kathy Moser

Meeting # 25 will be scheduled for late April or early May (*Ed. note 5/7/15*)

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TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Leslie Surprenant, Leader Invasive Species Coordination Unit
RE: NY IS Council Meeting # 25 (May. 7, 2015) NYS DAM
DATE: June 1, 2015

Council met at the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets in Albany on May 7, 2015 from 10:00 – 3:00 pm. There were 6 council agencies represented, thereby meeting the 2/3 quorum for decision-making.

ISC Representatives Present:

Kathy Moser, DEC, Co-Chair
Jackie Czub, DAM, Co-Chair
Christopher Logue, DAM
Elizabeth Novak
Shelah LaDuc, DOT
Howard Goebel, CC
John Wimbush, DOS

Also Present from Council Agencies:

Leslie Surprenant, DEC (ISCU)
David Adams, DEC (ISCU)
Jeanne Konz, DEC (Counsel)
Jessica Cancelliere, DEC
Edward Snizek, APA
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
Laura Savage, DOT

Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Meredith Taylor, NYC Dept. Environmental Protection

Present from Public:

Carrie Brown-Lima, Cornell University / NYISRI
Cathy McGlynn, IL Invasive Plant Partnership

Meeting #24 Summary – Leslie Surprenant
ISC accepted meeting summary.

ISAC Update – Meredith Taylor (*1 Handout*)

Provided update; reiterated items reported at last ISC meeting held 1/29/15 (2014 annual report, 2015 priorities, request a joint meeting); reported on 3/31/15 ISAC meeting and upcoming Education and Outreach Committee meeting topics. E-O committee will be discussing:

- Best use of the public awareness survey
- Increasing participation in ISAW
- Increasing inclusion of IS topics in K-12 curriculum
- Best way to support E-O for NY's new invasive species regulations (Part 575 prohibited and regulated invasive species)
- Reviewing needs for next E-O and Clearinghouse contracts

Southern Pine Beetle – Jessica Cancelliere

Informed, updated ISC on status of SPB on long island and control strategies. Next steps are inventory and hazard assessment for infestation on DEC and County-owned properties. New find in Shirley, CT. Treatment will be spot suppression winter 2015-16; possible forest thinning; cut and removal is best, but not feasible.

Action: Send synopsis and information for accessing maps to Leslie for distribution to ISC (Jessica Cancelliere - Done)

Enacted Budget and Proposed EPF Spending Plan – Leslie Surprenant (1 handout)

Enacted budget for State Fiscal Year 2015-16 EPF IS line is \$5,700,000 (increased \$1,000,000 from SFY 14-15) and includes carveouts for Lake George (\$450,000) and IS control including grants (\$1,000,000). Governor directed \$1 M to support a pilot boat inspection and decontamination program in the Adirondacks to be implemented by the start of 2015 boating season. Presented projected contractual and new spending expenses for current SFY (total \$6,027,000). Spending plan includes all implementation projects and contracts and reserves \$100,000 for response. Current spending uses unspent and re-appropriated funds from prior SFYs.

Regulatory and Legislative Updates – Chris Logue, Dave Adams, Leslie Surprenant
Revised Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine - USDA APHIS quarantined all of NYS for Emerald Ash Borer; oversees the movement of ash regulated articles in interstate and international commerce. DEC and DAM are working on an infestation-based quarantine to better protect most of NY not yet known to have EAB. DAM filed revised Part 141 EAB regulations on 5/11/15 with the Department of State. Revision establishes 14 restricted zones which include EAB-infested areas and a five mile buffer zone. The boundaries will be revised each winter to reflect trapping and survey data. Free movement of infested materials within the new boundaries without compliance agreements or permits is allowed and the revision will make it easier for municipalities, homeowners, and industry to remove, treat and dispose of infested materials. Revised regulations will help slow the spread and give un-infested communities time to plan management. DEC has proposed parallel Part 192 quarantine regulations and is accepting public comment through 4:00 PM on 7/11/15 (see <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2359.html#part192>)

General Permits –

DEC published in the 5/13/15 State Register draft GPs for removing aquatic invasive species under Article 15 Stream Protection and Article 24 Regulated Wetlands permits using hand harvesting, suction-assisted hand harvesting, and benthic mats; public comments are accepted through 5/29/15.

APA published a proposed in the 4/23/15 State Register new GP to support rapid response and containment of new populations of AIS by permitting management by hand harvesting and benthic mat placement on up to ½ acre of AIS under Article 24 Regulated Wetlands and APA authorities; public comments accepted through 5/29/15. APA also proposed re-issuance of a GP from 2008 for managing invasive terrestrial

plants using best management practices including herbicides in or within 100 ft of wetlands in the Adirondack Park and provides for expanding the list of organizations authorized to work under the revised GP; public comments accepted through 5/29/15.

AIS Spread Prevention / Boat Transport Law – Part 576 “Reasonable Precautions” regulations – DEC staff met with Empire State Marine Trades Association to hear the organization’s concerns about the law; staff crafted draft regulations that are under Executive review. Draft regulations should be out in a few weeks and final regulations should take effect in the fall.

AIS Spread Prevention / AIS sign law – Revised Navigation Law Article 3 §35-d; requires DEC to design and post online downloadable universal AIS sign; requires “owners of each public boat launch” to “conspicuously post” these signs of at least 18” x 24” by 9/23/15.

Action: Send link to text of law to ISC (Dave Adams - Done)

Part 575 Lists of Regulated and Prohibited Species Regulations – (1 Handout) provide for allowing cultivars that are “completely sterile” and acceptable cultivars are to be published by the DEC in the State Register and Environmental Notice Bulletin. A cultivar assessment tool was developed by a Long Island scientific advisory team and adopted by the Council at its Meeting #24 (1/29/15). An interdisciplinary cultivar assessment team reviewed cultivars of 7 Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*) for potential exemption from prohibition and has recommended 4 Japanese barberry cultivars for exemption (“Aurea”); however, only 1 will be listed in the State Register because trademark names for 3 cultivars have not been registered. The team also assessed 3 regulated species cultivars that would provide alternatives: 2 Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*), 1 Chinese Silver Grass (*Miscanthus sinensis*). DEC published a list of accepted cultivars on 5/20/15 in the State Register and Environmental Notice Bulletin (http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/20150520_not0.html)

Education-Outreach – Leslie Surprenant, Dave Adams (1 handout)

Cornell statewide poll Phase 2 (follow up interviews) is complete and report will be done shortly. Cornell’s contracts for online Clearinghouse expired 12/31/15 and statewide education-outreach contract expires 6/30/15. Leslie recommended an assessing the program, considering recommendations in Cornell’s reports, and defining desired objectives for E-Othe next 5 years. ISCU needs staff to oversee the project and any contract procurements needed. ISCU should have 2 contract employees from SUNY ESF within a few months; 1 to coordinate education-outreach coordinator and the other to coordination response and management. Recommended a small subcommittee of ISC, ISAC, PRISM to assess results, needs, and develop objectives for next 5 years and recommend to ISC ISC consideration.

(Ed Note: final report released 5/27/15; link:

http://www.nyis.info/?action=isp_reports#Phase%20I)

Dave presented “Play, Clean, Go,” an outreach program aimed at preventing the spread of terrestrial invasive species through hiking activities and incorporating boot cleaning stations that has been proposed to be implemented in the Finger Lakes Prism in cooperation with several PRISM partners. Discussed and ISC expressed support and potential uses within agencies. APA (Ed Snizek) suggested piloting in the Adirondacks. The FL PRISM is ready to implement in the FL region. Decision: await SUNY ESF education and outreach coordinator for implementation beyond PRISM.

Action: Send link to “Play, Clean, Go” website to ISC (Dave Adams - Done)

IS Awareness Week - July 12-18

ISAW work group (DEC lead; PRISM, Cornell Coop Extension, Research Institute); Governor’s Proclamation in process; theme is “Alternatives to Invasive Plants” in gardening and landscaping linked with Part 575 Regulations. Subtheme is “Partnerships.” Possible statewide event yet to be determined.

ISC agencies are encouraged to host, co-host, and work together on events and try to hold them on the same day of ISAW

Action: Suggest date for ISC agency activity - Leslie (Done - suggest Thursday 7/16)

Action: Schedule next ISC meeting as a joint meeting with ISAC in advance of ISAW and focus on ISAW – Leslie (Done – joint meeting 6/26/15)

Round Robin – ISC Agencies

APA – Ed Snizek

- Rapid response plan for Adks based on Lk Champlain Basin Program’s RR plan – sent to DEC Region 5 and DEC Region 6 for comment

Action: Ed will send Leslie the current draft RR plan to share with ISC

Canal Corp – Howard Goebel

- Working with ACOE on scope for feasibility study for separation of Hudson and Champlain basins in canal system
- Working with Onondaga and Oswego Counties on water chestnut control
- Boat steward program uncertain due to funds; planned 10 boat stewards in 2015

DAM – Chris Logue

- Asian Longhorned beetle tree cutting on Long Island; few infested trees and good funding and support from APHIS
- CAPs (Cooperative Agriculture Pest) surveys starting; checking for spotted lantern fly and velvet longhorned beetle

DOS – John Wimbush

- Funding Adirondack boat wash and inspection stations in Lake George and Mohawk Valley under Local Waterfront Revitalization Program

DOT – Shelah La Duc

- Supporting Southern Pine Beetle work on Long Island

- Participated in employee earth day event with “Pesky Insects” display with DEC Lands and Forest outreach staff assistance
- Provided monthly training to staff on IS
- Funded SUNY ESF research on controlling oriental bittersweet using vine cutting method; potential public-private partnerships under agreement for controlling vines
- Phase 2 host specificity testing for Phragmites biological control research RFP in process; working with university consortium

Action: Send Leslie oriental bittersweet study to share with ISC (Peter - Done)

Round Robin - Non-ISC updates

Meredith Taylor – DEP

- DEP is undergoing internal discussions on how to address hydrilla in Croton Reservoir (Westchester Co); installing benthic barriers at boat launch
- ISAW events planned; partnering with OPRHP; rapid response crews for water chestnut in Muskoot Res and OPRHP lands

Carrie Brown-Lima

- NYISRI working on strategic decision modelling; report/presentation to ISC at next meeting
- Public Comment – Public – no comments

Wrap Up – Kathy Moser

Meeting # 26 will be scheduled for late June or early July (*Ed. note 6/29/15*)

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TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Leslie Surprenant, Leader Invasive Species Coordination Unit
RE: NY IS Council Meeting # 26 (June 26, 2015) NYS DAM
DATE: August 25, 2015

Council and NY Invasive Species Advisory Committee met jointly on June 26, 2015 from 10:00 – 3:00 pm at the DEC's Region 5 sub-office in Northville. Five Council agencies were present, thereby not meeting the 2/3 quorum for decision-making.

ISC Representatives Present:

Kathy Moser, DEC, Co-Chair
Christopher Logue, DAM
Shelah LaDuc, DOT
Howard Goebel, CC
Michael Reed, TA
Bob O'brien, OPRHP

Also Present from Council Agencies:

Leslie Surprenant, DEC (ISCU)
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
Jeanne Konz, DEC (Counsel)
Laura Savage, DOT

Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Meredith Taylor, Chair (NYC Dept. Environmental Protection)
Richard Powell, NY/Upstate Chap. Am. Soc. Landscape Arch.
Rob Williams, PRISM
Brendan Quirion, APIPP PRISM
Chuck O'neill, Sea Grant / Cornell
George Robinson, Biodiversity Research Inst. / SUNY Albany
David Decker, Audubon NY
Polly Weigland, Soil Water Cons. Dist.
Jennifer Dean, NY Nat. Herit. Prog.

Present from Public:

Jeff Sann, Paul Smiths College



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Meeting #25 Summary – Leslie Surprenant
ISC accepted summary.

New ISC Representative from Canals Corp – Howard Goebel

Howard announced his departure from CC and CC's representative will be Mark Miller. Howard is taking a position at the NY Power Authority; ISC thanked him for his nine years of engaged and productive participation on the ISC and welcomes Mark.

ISAC Update – Meredith Taylor (*1 Handout*)

Provided update on 5/8/15 ISAC Education and Outreach Work Group call; highlights/recommendations

2014 Initiative Review:

- ✓ ISAW slogan and logo should be available to all on partner websites (currently on Clearinghouse; Holly Cargill-Cramer / NY Nursery and Landscape Industry can host (Clearinghouse will be up until at least 6/30/16).
- ✓ IS Bookshelf – will remain on Clearinghouse until at least 6/30/16; ISCU should maintain access to/ copies of all publications; publications should remain available
- ✓ Awareness Survey – Meredith and Holly C will review final report to inform ISAC's recommendations to ISC on next education initiatives
- ✓ IS Awareness Week – ISAC desires higher participation in 2015 and a focus on using native plant available in trade as alternatives to prohibited and regulated plants

Review of ISAC Education and Outreach Plan

- ✓ Investigate options for adding IS to K-12 curricula through the NYS Ed. Dept (Sept. 2015 ISAC meeting will focus on this topic; speaker from Ed – Anne Crotty?)

Part 575 Outreach

- ✓ Cornell and DEC produced outreach materials on prohibited and regulated species (plant booklet, animal booklet, brochure for regulated industries) and native / non-invasive alternative plants

ISC will need to identify new rep for SeaGrant / Cornell due to Chuck O'neill's retirement.

NYS Education Department Representation ISC –

NYS Education is one of 9 statutory agencies on ISC, but has not been represented; would provide much-needed NYS education perspective.

□ **ACTION:** Kathy Moser to contact Anne Crotty (?) at SED as possible rep to ISC

Adirondack Park AIS Spread Prevention Pilot Program – Jeff Sann (Paul Smiths College)

Presentation on Governor's initiative to establish a pilot program to increase the number of boat stewards in the Adirondacks and provide boat decontamination stations boaters can use

on a voluntary basis. Stakeholder interest in increasing such programs in the Adirondacks and statewide. DEC purchased 9 hot water high pressure units and one large trailer-mounted recirculating unit for the program. A representative of Landa pressure washers demonstrated the equipment.

- **ACTION:** Send scoping ideas for an AIS spread prevention grant program to Leslie Surprenant (ISCU) Leslie.Surprenant@dec.ny.gov or 518-402-8980

Regulatory and Legislative Updates – Chris Logue

Revised Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine - USDA APHIS quarantined all of NYS for Emerald Ash Borer; oversees the movement of ash regulated articles in interstate and international commerce. DEC and DAM are working on an infestation-based quarantine to better protect most of NY not yet known to have EAB. DAM filed revised Part 141 EAB regulations on 5/11/15 with the Department of State. Revision establishes 14 restricted zones which include EAB-infested areas and a five mile buffer zone. The boundaries will be revised each winter to reflect trapping and survey data. Free movement of infested materials within the new boundaries without compliance agreements or permits is allowed and the revision will make it easier for municipalities, homeowners, and industry to remove, treat and dispose of infested materials. Revised regulations will help slow the spread and give un-infested communities time to plan management. DEC proposed parallel Part 192 quarantine regulations with public comment accepted until 7/11/15 (see <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2359.html#part192>)

Part 575 Regulations – Prohibited and Regulated Species – DAM inspectors are observing good effort to comply with regulations; outreach to “chain” stores is more difficult because the store does not own the plant stock that it sells.

Education-Outreach – Chuck O’neill

Cornell statewide poll and report is complete and will be posted on Clearinghouse website. Self-identified groups in the initial phone poll that has sufficient sample size for follow-up questions in “Phase 3” were: farmers, aquaria owners, and water gardeners.

Study assumption: many New York residents would know little about IS. Conducted 3-part study: 1. initial screening survey to identify those with some level of awareness of IS. 2. Follow-up survey of these individuals to measure their concern about invasive species, and their invasive species-related behaviors. 3. Interviews of members of three key stakeholder groups to characterize the experiences and perspectives related to invasive species of three key stakeholder groups: farmers, aquarium owners, and water gardeners.

Part 3 phone interviews covered

- Concern about invasive species
- Knowledge about invasive species
- Behaviors that contribute to or limit the spread of invasive species
- Willingness to change behavior to reduce the spread of invasive species

- Types of messages or arguments most likely to encourage them to change their behaviors to limit the spread of invasive species

Common across the 3 groups were:

- Many people in all three groups were at least somewhat concerned about IS
- Few considered themselves knowledgeable about IS
- Farmers most knowledgeable as a group
- Individuals in all three groups thought about invasive species differently than how we define them, viewing them as problem species (e.g. deer, coyote) rather than necessarily non-native problem species
- Vast majority of interview respondents were aware of ways that people could spread invasive species, particularly by recreational boats
- Fewer knew they could be spread in firewood

Recommends future study to measure changes in knowledge and behaviors every 3 – 5 years.

All parts of the study can be viewed online at: http://www.nyis.info/?action=isp_reports

Kathy Moser thanked Chuck for his several years of service to, and hard work on behalf of, New York State and the ISC.

IS Awareness Week - July 12-18 – All / Go Round

NYiMapInvasives Database – combining activities with DOT, Lower Hudson PRISM; mobile tools webinar

NYS Dept. Environmental Protection – table at farmers’ markets on alternatives to invasive plants; working with Cornell Coop. Extension and PRISM partners on terrestrial and aquatic IS outreach

Audubon NY – Invasive species pulls, native plant classes

Biodiversity Research Inst./SUNY Albany – presentation on changing forests at Huyck Preserve

PRISMs – many PRISM events; PRISMs partnering with DEC and OPRHP on some events

- St. Lawrence – E. Lk. Ontario hosting 2 events (citizen science and exhibit on riparian IS); working with other DEC and other partners on activities
- APIPP – several events including AIS surveillance in backcountry waters training, Best Mgt Practice (BMP) training, and Native and non-invasive plant alternatives

CC – waterchestnut pull (Oswego R. / Onondaga R.)

TA – hosting DEC-staffed table at New Baltimore Service Area on alternative to prohibited and regulated plants

OPRHP – several events: IS walks, BMPs, mile-a-minute pull, hemlock wooly adelgid survey

DOT – internal training, website connections to PRISMs and other partner webinars, implementing a “Work, Clean, Go” BMP protocol at maintenance facilities

DEC – events hosted by all regional offices; most partnering with PRISM

Other Updates:

TA – reviewing planting plans and recommendations; recommend native plants as first choice; updating guidance for project development for controlling, removing, and disposing IS

CC –

- Champlain basin separation feasibility study agreement with US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) nearly final; signed agreement with Lk Champlain Basin Program and New England Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC)
- CC and ACOE treating Tonawanda/Erie canal hydrilla week of 7/20-24

DEC – executive briefed on hydrilla in Croton R; next step is to determine whether hydrilla has expanded to Hudson River; task force investigating treatment options

Public Comment – All

Rob Williams– conveyed comments and concerns from PRISM leaders

- WNY PRISM –cost of maintaining commercial pesticide permit for NGOs; need to have non-commercial / non-business option
- L. Hudson – wants statistics provided on nursery compliance with Part 575 Regulations
- Long Island –
 - Terrestrial invasive species should get equal attention and funding as aquatic invasive species
 - Governor’s office is trying to find \$1M for southern pine beetle infestation control on Long Island

Polly Weigland

Suffolk and Nassau Counties have “do not sell” laws in place (predate Part 575 Regulations); Suffolk not implementing and enforcing its law due to Part 575 Regulations

Wrap Up – Kathy Moser

Thanked ISAC and ISC for participating in the meeting and for all the ISAW event efforts underway. Next meeting (#27) will be in the fall with date and location TBA.

- ACTION – All - Send suggested agenda topics and possible host locations to Leslie.

IS Council Agency Abbreviations	
Adirondack Park Agency	APA
Agriculture and Markets	CC
Canals Corporation	DAM
Education	SED
Environmental Conservation	DEC
Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation	OPRHP
State	DOS
Thruway Authority	TA
Transportation	DOT