

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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*The Mission of the NY Invasive Species Council 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.*

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council  
FROM: Dave Adams, Interim Leader Invasive Species Coordination Section  
RE: NY IS Council Meeting # 31; Tuesday August 22, 2017  
DATE: June 26, 2017

NYS IS Council and Advisory Committee met jointly on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at 625 Broadway, DEC and OPRHP headquarters. Six of nine Council agencies were present, thereby meeting the 2/3 quorum for decision-making.

### ISC Representatives Present:

Kathy Moser, DEC, Co-Chair  
Chris Logue, DAM, Co-Chair  
Karen Feldman/ Leigh Walrath, APA  
Peter Dunleavey, DOT  
James Candiloro, Canals  
Janet Zuckerman, OPRHP

### Also Present from Council Agencies:

Dave Adams, DEC  
Willow Eyres, DEC  
Megan Phillips, DEC  
Cathy McGlynn, DEC  
Jared Kline, DEC  
Chris Colley, DOT  
Jerry Carlson, DEC  
Justin Perry, DEC  
Annalise Carroll, DAM  
Michelle Higgins, DEC  
Andrew Gariepy, DOT  
Nick Marcet, OPRHP  
Margaret Kelly  
Vicky Wagenbaugh, DEC  
Tony Wilkinson, DEC

### Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Meredith Taylor, ISAC Chair, NYC Dept. Environmental Protection  
Elizabeth Seme, NYS Turfgrass Association, Empire State Council of Agriculture Organizations  
Richard Powell, NY Upstate Chapter Association State Landscape Architects  
Rob Williams, Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management  
John Bartow, Empire State Forest Products Association  
Lauren Williams, NY Farm Bureau  
DJ Evans/ Meg Wilkinson, Natural Heritage Program



Bill Harman, NYS Federation Of Lake Associations  
Mike Mitchell, NYS Flower Industry  
Alexandra LaMonte, NYS Association of Counties  
George Robinson, Biodiversity Research Institute/ SUNY Albany  
Karl Schoebal, EEANY  
Amanda Lefton, The Nature Conservancy  
Jessica Schuler, NY Botanical Garden  
Allen Gosser, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services

Present from Public:

Laurel Gailor, Capital Mohawk PRISM  
Carrie Brown Lima, NYISRI, Cornell University  
Elizabeth Myers, EcoLogic  
Liz Moran, EcoLogic  
Tony Eallonardo, O'Brien and Gere  
Andrew Brainard, O'Brien and Gere  
Dan Rockefeller, O'Brien and Gere  
Mike Mullin, Brambles  
Brendan Quirion, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program  
Patrick Atagi, National Wood Packaging and Container Association  
John Thompson, Catskill Regional Invasive Species Program  
Linda Rohleder, Lower Hudson PRISM  
Hilary Moser, Finger Lakes PRISM  
Andrea Locke, WNY PRISM

**Meeting #30 Summary** – Dave Adams (2 Handout: Meeting 30 Summary/ ISC Membership). ISC accepted summary as presented.

**ISAC Update & Call to Action** – Meredith Taylor (3 Handouts: *Mtg Summary/ ISAC Membership/ Call to Action*) Provided update on ISAC officer positions available and potential nominees. A plan was developed to solicit additional nominees and hold a formal vote by ISAC members at a future time. This item was followed by an update and discussion of the Call to Action initiative proposal. Amanda Lefton and Beth Seme presented the basic components of the Call to Action and two addendums to the meeting attendees. This was followed by a discussion of the best means of moving this initiative forward. It was noted that the timing was good given that a Comprehensive Management Plan was in the development phase. After several options were considered it was determined that a letter from the Advisory Committee to the nine agency Commissioners along with the Call to Action would be the best means of providing the document to agency executives.

**PRISM Updates** – Rob Williams (1 Handout: PRISM Updates) provided the Council and Advisory Committee members with a selection of Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management updates to illustrate the type of projects and initiatives PRISMs undertake. Eight partnerships have been established throughout NYS, funded in part by Environmental Protection Fund monies.

**Status of Swallow-wort Biocontrol** – Willow Eyres (DEC) Rob Williams (SLELO PRISM) and Carrie Brown-Lima (NYISRI-Cornell) provided a summary of the natural history and populations status of pale and black swallow-wort *Vincetoxicum rossicum* and *V. nigrum* in NYS, its impacts to natural resources, agriculture, and economy, and the status of a biological control program to control swallow-wort. Recently, USDA APHIS PPQ held a public comment period on a draft Environmental Assessment for the primary biocontrol agent, *Hyponomeuta opulenta*, a leaf-feeding moth. Releases have been made in Canada over the past several years. An operational plan for implementation of releases and follow-up monitoring is being developed by several PIs.

**Status of HWA in the Adirondacks** – Justin Perry (DEC) provided an update on the recent discovery of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid within the Adirondack Park in the vicinity of Prospect Mountain. Three trees were found to have evidence of HWA. A survey of the surrounding forest is being conducted currently. Management options include the use of two chemical pesticides that would be applied to the basal bark of infested trees. The ideal season for application is Spring or Fall when water and nutrients are transferred from the roots to the crown of the tree. HWA insects are currently in an inactive stage of their life cycle. Incident Command Structure was used to coordinate activities and information transfer among key stakeholders and agency staff.

**Public updates** – No additional topics or updates were brought up by attendees.

**Comprehensive Management Plan** – Tony Eallonardo, Andrew Brainard, Dan Rockefeller (OBG), Liz Moran and Elizabeth Myers (EcoLogic) (2 Handouts: Workshop Agenda and Management Plan Overview) provided an overview of the planned New York State Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan including 1) Goals and purpose of the plan, 2) Background context, 3) Key groups involved in planning process and 4) Workshop overview. The workshop started with an Overview, Introduction and Logistics and Ice-breaker Session. This was followed by two break-out session, Session 1: Challenges, Lessons Learned and Opportunities with four topic area groups, and break-out session 2: Concrete Recommendations. The four groups then reported on their major themes or ideas that emerged in the groups.

**Wrap Up** – Next ISC meeting will be determined at a later date. The next ISAC meeting is proposed for some time in October.