



## New York Invasive Species Advisory Committee

### Annual Report

2016

*The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) prepared a 2016 work plan that outlined objectives for the year. These objectives included continued efforts on Invasive Species Awareness Week, and the Invasive Species Bookshelf. ISAC also took an in-depth look at the boat stewardship, participated in the development of a five year education and outreach plan, and reviewed and commented on the Rapid Response Framework. The ISAC members are pleased to report on their collaboration on the following activities in 2016:*

#### SUMMARY

- **Held 3 in-person meetings, including one joint with Council**
- **Worked with the ISC, ISCU and PRISMs to continue with the Invasive Species Awareness Week initiative.**
- **Worked with DEC staff on the five year Education and Outreach Plan through a working group.**
- **Provided feedback on the Rapid Response Framework and provided a suggested restoration addendum.**
- **One new member came on to represent their respective organizations.**

#### MEETINGS

- Hold quarterly meetings:
  - *Held in person meetings March 3; joint meeting with Invasive Species Council May 3; and November 22.*
- Invite Invasive Species Council (ISC) agencies, partners, or specialists, including other states, regions and programs with successful invasive species initiatives, to present status reports or project findings; consider using Webinars for information sharing
  - *Invited NYS DEC staff to provide updates on the new invasive species unit positions, the five year education and outreach plan, and the Comprehensive Management Plan*
  - *Invited NYS DAM staff to provide updates on the part 575 regulations and their enforcement*
  - *Held joint meeting with Invasive Species Council and received an update on the Rapid Response Framework*
  - *Invited Forest Pest Specialist from Cary Institute for an update on forest pest policy*

- *Invited SLELO PRISM partners to present on eDNA research*

## STRUCTURE

- Sustain active membership
  - *Average participation at meetings of 12 members or 48% of the membership (12 attended March meeting, 9 attended May meeting, and 15 attended November meeting)*
- Maintain member contact information
  - *Maintained contact information for 25 members; Jeff Williams was identified as the new Farm Bureau representative; Amanda Lefton was identified as the new representative for The Nature Conservancy; New representative is being sought for Soil and Water Conservation Districts*

## INITIATIVES

- In collaboration with ISCU, ISC, and PRISMs, implement one priority education and outreach initiative:
  - Invasive Species Awareness Week
    - *The ISCU and PRISMs took on an active role to maintain a statewide Invasive Species Awareness Week July 10-16, including Governor's proclamation, webpages on NYIS.INFO, promotional materials and more than 120 events*
- Assist with education and outreach associated with implementation of Invasive Species Prevention Act regulations, as needed/requested
  - *Distributed information and print materials to our member groups*
- Review and provide comments on 6 NYCRR Part 575 species assessments
  - *One review was submitted*
- Assist in the development of Early Detection/ Rapid Response Species List and Protocol
  - *Provided feedback and comments on the NYSDEC Rapid Response Framework*
- Consider inviting NYS Society of Agricultural Educators and BOCES to invasive species curriculum discussion
  - *A work group formed to pursue curriculum discussions with NYSDEC*
- Review data derived from existing Boat Steward programs
  - *More work is needed on this initiative.*
- Identify restoration techniques for priority habitats and appropriate control metric
  - *A restoration addendum was developed for the Rapid Response Framework*
- Consider reprinting Conservationist for Kids Invasive Species insert
  - *More work is needed on this initiative to develop new content for a 2018 edition.*
- Assist in the development of the five year E/O Plan by providing feedback to the workgroup as requested
  - *Participated in the work group.*
- Review and comment on the Rapid Response Program Policy
  - *Provided feedback and comments on the NYSDEC Rapid Response Framework*

## COMMUNICATION

- Set 2017 Objectives and prepare 1-2 page summary of outcomes at year end
  - *Currently drafting the 2017 work plan*
  - *Completed the 2016 ISAC Annual Report*
- Inform ISAC members about invasive species related news
  - *The ISCU and ISAC Chair distributed invasive species news via the ISAC Listserv, as appropriate.*
- Participate in ISC meetings and convey ISAC recommendations to the ISCU and ISC
  - *Participated in the ISC meetings on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and May 3<sup>rd</sup>*
- Participate in monthly PRISM calls, as able / appropriate
  - *The ISCU distributed monthly PRISM call info to the ISAC Listserv*
- Continue to utilize ISAC List-serve for correspondence among the membership
  - *Used the ISAC Listserv as the primary mechanism for ISAC correspondence*
- Contribute current ISAC information to NYIS.INFO
  - *No updates were submitted*
- Identify appropriate press opportunities, as appropriate
  - *No opportunities were identified*

*Initial draft of report drafted by Meredith Taylor, January 3, 2017. The Invasive Species Advisory Committee approved the revised 2016 Annual Report on 01/03/2017.*