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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 Members (9 agencies)
FROM: Dave Adams, Interim Leader Invasive Species Coordination Section
RE: Joint IS Council/ ISAC Meeting # 33; Thursday April 26, 2018
DATE: May 3, 2018

NYS IS Council/ ISAC met on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Peebles Island State Park. Seven 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, APA
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
Shelley Trepess, NYSTA
Janet Zuckerman, OPRHP
John Wimbush, DOS

Also Present from Council Agencies:

Dave Adams, DEC
Willow Eyres, DEC
Justin Perry, DEC
Leigh Walrath, APA
Matt Brincka, OPRHP
Alex von Bieberstein, DOT
Greg Ernst, DOT
Meg Phillips, DOS
Emma Antolos, DEC

Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Bill Harman, NYS Federation of Lake Associations
Richard Powell, NY Upstate ASLA
Karl Schoeberl, EEANY
DJ Evans, Natural Heritage Program
Meg Wilkinson, Natural Heritage Program
Jennifer Dean, Natural Heritage Program
David Decker, Audubon NY
Carrie Brown-Lima, Cornell University/ Invasive Species Research Institute
Jesse Lepak, NY Sea Grant
Rob Williams, SLELO PRISM
Colette and David Morabito, NYFOA
Meredith Taylor, DEP
George Robinson, Biodiversity Research Institute/ SUNY Albany

Present from Public:

Liz Moran, EcoLogic
Tony Eallonardo, O'Brien and Gere
Jessica Schuler, NYBG



ISC Meeting #31 Summary – Dave Adams (1 Handout: Meeting #32 Summary). ISC accepted summary as presented.

ISAC Update – Meredith Taylor (1 Handout: ISAC Report) provided update on ISAC. The last meeting was held December 19, 2017, attendance was 12 members. A report was presented from NYS DEC and Agriculture and Markets. Call to Action letter sent to nine state agencies of the Council. A presentation was given by Scott McArt from Cornell CALS and Andy Card from Empire State Honey Producers Association on relationship between pollinators and invasive species. Rob Williams from SLELO PRISM shared results on Cultural Impact Survey administered over the past year. Future meeting dates are May 22, October 10 and December 18.

Comprehensive Management Plan – Tony Eallonardo (OBG) and Liz Moran (EcoLogic) provided an overview of the draft New York State Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan which including eight goals: 1) Continue to Build Partnerships and Capacity, 2) Develop a Centralized Framework for Invasive Species Information Management, 3) Set Priorities for Invasive Species Management and Advance Preparedness, 4) Engage and Inform the Public, 5) Advance Prevention and Early Detection, 6) Improve the Response to Invasive Species, 7) Recover Ecosystem Resiliency, and 8) Evaluate Success. For each goal Successes to Date, Needs and Approach were discussed. In addition, a set of Recommended Actions were presented. Public comments will be accepted by DEC on the Draft Plan until June 1, isinfo@dec.ny.gov.

iMapInvasives Updates – Meg Wilkinson (3 Handouts: Recap Update, Certified Trainers Network, Statewide Training Sessions) provided the Council members with iMapInvasives Database updates. iMap3 is scheduled for roll out in 2019, Watercraft Inspection Steward Program App is being developed and implemented, working on the prioritization initiative with a focus on spatial and species. During 2017 5,900 observations entered, 161 treatments entered, and 33 surveys recorded. Invited to join the iMapInvasives Trainers Network by becoming certified to train others how to report invasive species. Statewide training schedule provided for each of the eight PRISMs.

Invasive Species Research Institute Update – Carrie Brown-Lima (1 Handout: Spring Highlights) provided an update regarding Invasive Species Research Institute initiatives. NYISRI Advisory Board meeting held April 6, 2018, Second Annual Northeast Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Management Symposium Planned for July 12, 2018, Research Projects Updates (Swallow-wort biocontrol, Workshop to Advance Invasive Species Prioritization Model Development, Synthesizing Best Management Practice Guidelines, and Monthly PRISM Call Presentations Available on the web site. Next PRISM Call presentation is Invasive Crayfish in New York State by Dr. Chris Pennuto, SUNY Buffalo State.

Agency Updates – Seven Council member agencies provided updates as follows:

- 1) Ag. and Mkts.- European Cherry Fruit Fly an issue in Niagara County. Spotted Lantern Fly initiative gearing up in collaboration with DEC. Deregulation of Golden Nematode fields (90% sites). Repealing Part 141/192.7 of Ag & Mkts and DEC EAB regulations, 60 day comment period. Research and extension related to Asian jumping work increasing. Nurseries and Dealers inspected for Part 575 enforcement pertaining to plants, Regulated plant labels occasionally a problem.
- 2) OPRHP – Fielding 6 strike teams this year, three of six strike teams are GLRI funded through two grants; fist grant creates an aquatic strike team focused on riparian and aquatic invasive species, the second grant fields two summer crews through the

FORCES program in the Finger Lakes region. A grant application was submitted for HWA treatment. Two teams of two forest health specialists focused in East and West areas of the state. 20 boat stewards statewide. New statewide biologist on staff.

- 3) DOT – Phragmites biocontrol project ongoing with Cornell University. New multi-year biocontrol project focused on Swallow-wort planned utilizing federal funds. Open to new project ideas for future. Exit 18 Welcome Center under construction, will include a boat decontamination station and boat outreach Stewards. Internal Earth Day Fair held, 1300 trees and shrubs given away courtesy of the DEC Tree Nursery. Right-of Way permit requirements include invasive species specs. Two new staff on board.
- 4) APA – Approved Interagency MOU in January, added HWA and updated BMPs. New UMPs addressing invasive species. Several permits have invasive species requirements. State Climate Change Plan being updated/developed, includes invasive species. Recently Local Government Day included an invasives species track with three presenters.
- 5) DOS – Consolidated funding initiative includes opportunities for invasive species related projects as they relate to broader waterfront revitalization plans and watershed planning efforts. \$16 million in Local Waterfront Revitalization for projects. Several examples include a project focused on EWM and a project including Boat Stewards for prevention and outreach. Projects tend to progress from developing a Vision, a Plan and then Implementation of the Plan.
- 6) Thruway Authority- Various initiatives underway, some of which include invasive species components.
- 7) DEC – ICS Unified Command for Spotted Lanternfly initiated between DEC and Ag & Mkts; E/O, Survey, and Regulatory Plans being drafted. Follow-up surveys in Adk Park for HWA planned/ under way involving a number of partners. Oak Wilt quarantine established for four locations within the state. One Southern Pine Beetle found in a trap in the Albany Pine Bush. Active prescribed burns planned for Long Island Pine Barrens locations. Croton Hydrilla project coordinator hired, five year project with 80% reduction seen in 2017. ISAW events encouraged for the week of July 8-14. \$13.3 million EPF line. Oswego River eDNA follow-up surveys planned in collaboration with SLELO PRISM and US FWS for the 2018 field season. New Conservationist for Kids issue focused on invasive species. Water chestnut and Jumping Worm webinar planned for June 27 following PRISM call. Contract executed to develop a documentary focused on invasive species in NYS, steering committee members sought.

Public updates – Updates provided by NY Sea Grant, Audubon NY, NY FOLA, and DEP

Wrap Up – Next ISC meeting will be determined at a later date based on co-chair availability.