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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: IS Council Meeting # 34; Thursday June 28, 2018
DATE: July 17, 2018

NYS IS Council met on Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at DOT headquarters, 50 Wolf Road, Albany NY. All 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
Leigh Walrath, APA
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
Elizabeth Novak, NYSTA
Janet Zuckerman, OPRHP
John Wimbush, DOS
Ann Crotty, NYSED
Mark Miller, NYS Canals

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
Josh Thiel, DEC
Susan Carver, OPRHP
Netania Kligerman, DOT
Chis Colley, DOT
Greg Kenney, DEC

Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Allen Gosser, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
Meg Wilkinson, Natural Heritage Program
Carrie Brown-Lima, Cornell University/ Invasive Species Research Institute
Grace Mortellaro, Cornell University/ Invasive Species Research Institute
Renee St. Jacques, New York Farm Bureau/ ISAC Chair
Jesse Lepak, NY Sea Grant

Present from Public:

ISC Meeting #33 Summary – Dave Adams (1 Handout: Meeting #33 Summary). ISC accepted summary as presented.

ISAC Update – Renee St. Jacques provided update on ISAC. The last meeting was held May 22, 2018 at Peebles Island State Park. A revision to the ISAC Guidance Document was

discussed. Presented to the Council for approval. APA will provide minor edits. A report was presented from NYS DEC and Agriculture and Markets pertaining to Spotted Lantern Fly. Call to Action letter sent to nine state agencies of the Council, will follow-up. A presentation was given by Dylan Parry from SUNY ESF on swallow-wort biological control. Rob Williams from SLELO PRISM shared PRISM related highlights. Future meeting dates are October 10 and December 18.

Adirondack Park AIS Prevention Program – Dr. Eric Holmlund (various handouts and packet) provided an overview and discussion of the 2018 program. Three goals of the presentation 1) Review 2018 Adirondack Watershed Institute program scope, including spatial and coverage overview of Adirondack AIS Prevention Program contract plus contribution of Adirondack Lake Alliance, GLRI and Lake Champlain Basin Program. 2) Understand NYS Adirondack AIS Prevention Program strategy, assets, coverage limitations and opportunities to fill gaps at current sites and to expand coverage to other sites. 3) Brainstorm opportunities for increased collaboration with ISAC members.

Invasive Species Awareness Week – ISAW July 8th -14th 2018. Susan Carver (OPRHP) provided overview. In 2017 ISC, ISAC, PRISMs and partners hosted 151 events over the course of 7 days (20% increase from 2016). 6,000 participants in attendance (four times as many participants as 2016). 62% of these events were created especially for ISAW. The fifth annual ISAW campaign will be held July 8th – 14th. This year's theme is "What YOU can do to stop the spread". Capital District events include Science on Tap at the Albany Pump Station, Exhibits at the Empire State Plaza Farmers Market, Guided Invasive Species Walk at Washington Park, iMapInvasives training at Thatcher State Park, and Invasive Species Crafts at Kids Day at the Empire State Plaza.

iMapInvasives Updates – Meg Wilkinson (3 Handouts) provided the Council members with iMapInvasives Database updates. iMap3 is scheduled for roll out in 2019, Watercraft Inspection Steward Program App (WISPA) is being developed and implemented, working on the prioritization initiative with a focus on spatial and species. Elements of iMapInvasives 3.0 include 1) Online redesign to improve speed, workflow, and provide a North American View, 2) Mobile tools that capture basic and advanced data for seamless integration into iMap, 3) Ability to develop customized data views and analysis tools and 4) Simplify data bulk uploads and data downloads. During 2017 32,000 WISPA surveys with eight participating organizations and 6,000 reports of invasive species. So far in 2018 43,000 surveys, 16 participating organizations and 3,000 reports of invasive species. Invited to join the iMapInvasives Trainers Network by becoming certified to train others how to report invasive species. Statewide training provided for each of the eight PRISMs. Invasive Species Mapping Challenge webinar Wednesday June 27 from 12:15 to 1:15 with a focus on Water Chestnut and Jumping Worms.

Invasive Species Research Institute Update – Carrie Brown-Lima provided an update regarding Invasive Species Research Institute initiatives. Second Annual Northeast Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Management Symposium Planned for July 12, 2018, Research Projects Updates (Water Chestnut biocontrol, Swallow-wort biocontrol, Invasive Species Prioritization Model Development, Synthesizing Best Management Practice Guidelines, Spotted Lanternfly Scientific Advisory Group and Monthly PRISM Call Presentations Available on the web site. Moving from state focused programs to regional/national/continental impacts, promoting regional North American Collaboration. Several interns helping out this summer including a Communications Intern.

Agency Updates – Council member agencies provided updates as follows:

- 1) Ag. and Mkts.- Ash movement regulation public comment period underway. Spotted Lantern Fly initiative gearing up in collaboration with DEC, unified ICS command, draft exterior quarantine reviewed internally. Three seasonal outreach positions being filled, funded by APHIS. Emergency regulations in place for European Cherry Fruit Fly in Western NY, working with OPRHP. Invasive species coordinator position being filled at Ag & Mkts headquarters, open till early July.
- 2) OPRHP – Field crews out throughout the State. Mapping occurrences of Tree of Heaven on OPRHP lands in preparation for Spotted Lanternfly survey/ monitoring/ control initiatives. MOU established with SUNY ESF to administer OPRHP boat steward program for 3 years, supports approximately 20 stewards at priority access sites.
- 3) DOT – New landscape architects trained in IMapInvasives. APPIP reached out to DOT for display opportunities at DOT rest Areas. Utilities working on roads, mapping invasive species. Communicating with DEC regarding development of standardized permit conditions.
- 4) APA – Approved Interagency MOU in January, added HWA and updated BMPs.
- 5) DOS – Consolidated funding opportunity open till July 27. Waterfront planning and implementation projects in the amount of \$15 million available. Handout provided summarizing details.
- 6) Thruway Authority- Ash impacts due to EAB, 27 service areas available for use as outreach venues, IS related outreach continues for field staff (mowing crews etc.) some staff trained in iMapInvasives.
- 7) DEC – New Invasive Species Coordination Section leader Josh Thiel. DEC repealing EAB ash quarantine regulations. Ag & Mkts doing likewise for Part 141. 54 public comments received during the Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan public comment period. Contractor working with DE to address comments. ISAW 2018 planned for July 8-14. Spotted Lanternfly collaborations with Council members sought.
- 8) Canals – Hydrilla management continues in Cayuga Lake inlet in vicinity of Ithaca, Lampricide treatment conducted in collaboration with DEC, AIS related outreach materials available at locks including tip strip handout.
- 9) State Education – New Science Standards implemented as of July 2017 based on national resources. Invasive Species and Ecology great opportunities for curriculum development.

Public updates – Updates provided by NY Sea Grant

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