

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 10:00 am

***Present:** Heather Palmquist (Iron Co), Colleen Matula (DNR), Darienne McNamara (NCWMA Coordinator), Jane Swenson (Delta and Iron River Area Lakes Associations), Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Gretchen Watkins & John (Lac de Flambeau Water Resources Dept.)*

- **Donut Discussion** - Lac de Flambeau invasive species efforts
 - Gretchen and John from LDF attended the meeting to discuss their invasive species efforts, possible CWMA membership, and an upcoming noxious weed grant through the BIA
 - they are currently using biocontrol with purple loosestrife and plan to use spotted knapweed weevils this summer; they are not aware of other invasives within their boundaries
 - planning to apply for funds to hire staff who will inventory for invasive species (aquatic and terrestrial), also considering other ideas such as washing stations for boats and ATV's
 - LDF is interested in partnering with the NCWMA on the municipal workshop in March for Iron County; they will help recruit road crews and others from their area
- **NR40 Public Workshop** -
 - have a signup sheet to who attends and collect match hours
 - advertising:
 - Darienne will submit an article about NR40 to the local papers prior to the workshop, then mention there will be more info available at the workshop
 - submit PSA to local radio stations - WOJB 89.9, WRNC 97.7, WPR station
 - targeted contacts to nurseries, master gardeners, bait shops, other groups that may be directly affected by NR40
- **NCWMA Newsletter** -
 - thanks for the comments - first edition going to press this week!
 - send to other CWMA's, lakes assoc's, groups that have worked with us at volunteer days in the summer, other partners not on the mailing list?
 - email to symposium participants after the event
- **CWMA Symposium** - Wed, Jan 27 at Flambeau Lanes & Lounge in Park Falls
 - Please RSVP to Ted Ritter if you plan to attend: teritt@co.vilas.wi.us
 - suggestion from the group: have a display table where participants can leave brochures, posters, handouts, etc.
- **Municipal Workshops**

- Darienne asked that NCWMA members help with getting the word out for these. No dates set yet, but please let your local towns know the workshops will be in March, see if they have questions that we should cover - any questions they can contact Darienne
- Hwy Supervisor in Bayfield Co is enthusiastic about the workshops and willing to help plan the agenda; he is attending a statewide conference where they will discuss invasive species, and he will bring back some of the information to help craft the agenda for local workshops
- **Round Robin:**
 - **Dara** been working on re-creating the GLIFWC map website, including the invasive species data, had made some progress but has to start over since the program they were using can't merge all the old records (tens of thousands!); Steve Garske and Miles Falck have been developing an invasive species habitat suitability model that will be applied in the NCWMA area - more info at the CWMA Symposium or the Feb NCWMA meeting
 - **Colleen** trying to get funding to setup more washing stations in state forests, particularly the Brule River State Forest, interested in hearing suggestions for funding if anyone has them; trying to find release sites for spotted knapweed weevils in Ashland and Iron counties - sites must be on public land, contact her if you're interested
 - **Heather** busy with the native plant sale for Bayfield, Ashland and Iron counties; meeting with lake groups in prep for the upcoming field season; possibly going to be updating their website and starting a newsletter, invasive species would be featured in both
 - **Jane** been having discussions with landowners regarding Japanese knotweed, finding more and more of it as she keeps looking - some in Iron River area, Mason area, and near White River

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2010
 Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
 9am Donut Discussion: Habitat Suitability Modeling
 10am Business Meeting