

## Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

National Park Service Office, Ashland

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Present: Colleen Matula (WDNR), Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield County), Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Lacey Hill (GLIFWC), Emily Anderson (WDNR), Ursula Hambach (Ashland landowner) and Darienne McNamara (NCWMA Coordinator).

- **Pocket Guides** - the DNR pocket guides are here!, we have 1250 copies for ROW workshop participants, field day volunteers, and others who are interested *and will use them*; we assembled roughly 700 copies during the meeting (put ring binders on each copy) - thanks!
- **Ashland Farmer's Market** - every Saturday from 8am-12pm from June through September, started last Saturday; NCWMA will have booth there similar to past years, featuring live plant samples, brochures, and NCWMA member there to answer questions
  - Need someone to cover for Darienne on June 26 and July 17 - please let her know if you are available
- **Demonstration Sites**
  - NFWF grant has funding for 5 signs at demonstration sites, we need to decide where/what these will be in order to have them done by the end of the grant cycle
  - at least one in each county
  - collaborate with others who are posting signs at public sites, we can add sections about invasives (try to keep our portion of the signs consistent so visitors recognize the theme if they see our signs in different places)
  - be sure signs say "funded by NFWF"
  - proposed sites:
    1. Brownstone Trail in Bayfield - feature Japanese knotweed, talk about persistence and show before/after photos
    2. North Country Trail kiosk in Mellen town park - feature garlic mustard, similar to boot brush sign, Colleen will work with NCTA on this
    3. Prentice Park - feature buckthorn and honeysuckle, work with Ashland Park & Rec.
    4. Heather - Iron Co. sites? group suggested ATV washing station, ATV trailhead, or Turtle Flambeau Flowage
    5. Christine Ostern - Douglas Co sites? Darienne will contact her about this.
- **ROW Workshop follow-up - Good News!**
  - Since the ROW workshops, we have been contacted by several participants who wanted more info. As a result, some have already taken steps to manage invasives in their town. Also, the Town of Lincoln has asked for assistance writing a management plan for invasives in their town. Darienne is working with them, hoping to use their plan as a model for other towns in the NCWMA area.

- **Leafy Spurge question**

- Leafy spurge started flowering in late May - early! - and some new sites have appeared
- A few road supervisors have inquired about management
- Recommendations: mow by mid-June, then spray in fall with Plateau (Darienenne will get mixing instructions from Martine, pass along to towns/counties, recommend they share herbicide costs)

- **Website Updates**

- Darienne and Dara have added new resources to the website, including:
  - homeowner's guide to controlling honeysuckle
  - homeowner's guide to controlling buckthorn
  - "What Can I Do About Invasive Species on My Property?" brochure
  - ROW workshop handouts and links - posted in new web page
- Dara will see if we can track website usage
- Darienne will send Dara new description of NCWMA for home page (opening paragraph)
- we will add short descriptions of website links/resources to add to web pages so users don't have to open each link to find out what it is

- **ISAM Special Edition E-Newsletter**

- Day in the life of... featuring Isaiah Messerly
- Interview with landowner - Ursula Hambuch?
- Picture montage from recent events
- Article re: Colleen's challenge to local students to write an invasive song, and library displays featuring invasives for ISAM/June
- Theme: early detection, prevention

- **Funding Opportunities**

- Upcoming grants include:
  - GLRI Round 2 - due June 25, focusing on invasives and climate change
  - Freshwater Future - up to \$10K to help groups develop GLRI proposals, due in July
  - NFWF Pulling Together Initiative - due June 30
- group proposed we submit to do follow-up from ROW workshops, help municipalities inventory their roads, recommend treatment options, and help write management plans
  - already had several municipalities express interest in this, just need people/funding to do it
  - need to see if more towns/counties are interested, and if so, how much match they could realistically contribute
  - Darienne will develop a proposal while gauging interest among municipalities

- **Upcoming Events**

- June 28: spotted knapweed at Little Turtle Flowage in Iron Co.
- July 17: booth at Port Wing farmer's market for Lake Superior Day celebration

- July (TBD): invasive removal on Ashland shoreline as part of DNR joint project
- **Round Robin:**
  - **Darienne** - on vacation in N.D. Badlands from June 17-24
  - **Colleen** - working with new contractor out of Mellen, using Milestone on spotted knapweed in Brule River State Forest; attended EAB conference and learned a lot about new reports, protocol, strategies, etc. - noted that moving firewood is #1 source of EAB spread
  - **Carmen** - traveling from now until July 3, back for most of July, then gone for a while again; just returned from east coast where there was an “Invasive Species Jail” display at a greenhouse, showcasing live invasive plants contained in a jail for display (flowers were carefully pruned to keep from reproducing)
  - **Emily** - working on invasives in Copper Falls State Park, also a bit in Big Bay State Park; developing a gypsy moth management plan, as well as a general invasive species management plan for Copper Falls; hosting an interpretive program on invasives on June 19 at Copper Falls
  - **Stefania** - Kid’s Fishing Day display last weekend, lots of Q’s about lamprey and asian carp; hoping to get CBCW monitors from SOEI/Northland, working with Mike Gardner on that; the Vaughn Library in Ashland will be hosting a kid’s program on AIS in June 24, taught by a retired educator from Vilas Co; Northwest Lakes Conference will be June 18 at the Drummond H.S., she will have a display there on water gardens featuring invasive plants and alternatives; she’s gone June 25-July 3 in Idaho for vacation
  - **Lacey** - starting surveys next week, surveying 50 lakes this summer for AIS including spiny water flea, EWM, zebra mussels, curly leaf pondweed, etc.; field work until Sept.
  - **Dara** - going to check cut-leaf teasel that was found at DNR station in Ashland in past years (after meeting today); has posted EAB quarantine counties on GLIFWC website; distributed copies of Guide to Northern Native Plants for local libraries, county LWCD’s, and schools - contact her if you know of a place that could use these guides

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 6**  
National Park Service - Great Lakes Network Office  
Ashland, WI  
8am - Business meeting