

## Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Updates

January 18, 2006

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

### Attendance:

Carmen Chapin (NPS - Great Lakes Network), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Diane Daulton (ABDI-LCC), Roger Dreher (Bayfield County Lakes Forum), Leah Gibala (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Ted Gostomski (WI DNR), Rose Lahti (Bad River Watershed Association), Mike Mlynarek (USFWS), Dara Olson, Steven Spickerman (Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest), Wendy Stein (Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest), and Vijai Pandian (UW - Extension).

### Updates:

- Interested organizations:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contact</u>
ABDI Land Conservation Dept.	Diane Daulton (may change)
Bad River Natural Resource Dept.	Leah Gibala
Bad River Watershed Association	Rose Lahti
Bayfield County Lakes Forum	Roger Dreher
Chequamegon - Nicolet National Forest	Steven Spickerman
City of Shell Lake	Gary Burkart
Delta Area Lakes Association	Karen Austin / Jane Swenson
Douglas County Association of Lakes and Streams	Polly Edmunds
Iron River Lakes Association	Martha Oie
Natural Resource Conservation Service	Tom Cogger
Northern Native Plantscapes	Sarah Boles
Northland College & Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute	Terry Beirl (as of now)
NPS - Apostle Islands	Carmen Chapin
NPS - Great Lake Network	Carmen Chapin
NPS - St. Croix National Scenic River	Carmen Chapin
The Friends of the Bird Sanctuary	Scott Peterson
The Friends of the St. Croix Headwaters	Scott Peterson
The Nature Conservancy	Becky Sapper
Town of Washburn	Mark Morey
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Mike Mlynarek
U.S. Geological Survey	Jason Stockwell
Upper St. Croix Lake Association	Polly Edmunds
UW - Extension	Vijai Pandian
	Ted Gostomski/Colleen Matula/
Wisconsin DNR	Kelly Kearns

- MOU edits (in blue in the attached MOU):
  - Specify “terrestrial and aquatic”
  - Change “lands” to “lands and waters”
  - Change “alien species” to “invasive species”
  - Change “N-CWMA” to “NCWMA”
  - Discussion on the use of the word “Weed”, but it is necessary lingo for grants, etc. Included “weed” in parenthesis to show the definition as a non-native invasive species.
  - Discussion on including plant and animal species, but consensus to keep as just plants as we are starting out (and may cause problems for Forest Service and Park Service folks). The MOU can always be changed in the future to include animals.
  - Include a clause concerning new organizations being added on after approval by all interested parties.
- Consensus to have an MOU and a “Cooperative Agreement”. This would allow the MOU for the agency folks and the Cooperative Agreement for the other organizations who do not need to deal with the legal issues that the agency folks do. Both lists of organizations would be actively involved and have the same amount of input, but will simplify it by decreasing the hassle of making edits to the MOU and then getting all signatures. The Cooperative Agreement would be the same as the MOU, but with a different title and opening paragraph.
- The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has around \$2,000 to put towards projects as matching funds once the NCWMA starts up.
- Carmen Chapin will research grants that could be available to us (just so we know what is out there) and will report back to us at the next meeting.
- An updated MOU will be sent out in two weeks and the next meeting will be in about a month.

Dara Olson  
Notetaker