

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Donut Discussion

Topic: 2008 field season work plan & equipment for the community tool shed (WCMP)

- Drafted a list of equipment to purchase for the community tool shed
- Summer Work Days Calendar (WCMP – WI Coastal Management Plan work day)
 - **May:**
 - 10th (?): Garlic mustard (WCMP) – Bad River/Copper Falls SP – Colleen is willing to set up this event, Carmen will follow up with her. This event will replace the invasive shrubs event in the WCMP grant.
 - **June:** - Invasive Species Awareness Month
 - 20-21 or 27-28: Knotweed (WCMP) - Bayfield; NPS staff & local businesses
 - Friday & Saturday event – in town on Friday & ravines on Saturday (heavy traffic on weekends)
 - Carmen will check with the city regarding the date
 - TBA: National Park Service - Apostle Island Visitor Center will be hosting a guest speaker to talk about aquatic invasive species
 - TBA (last week May – first week of June): GLIFWC - *Galerucella* beetle collection days
 - TBA: Leafy Spurge beetle check (Maple Hill Rd field)
 - **July:**
 - TBA: Spotted knapweed – trailhead?; ATV users – uncertain of the best approach
 - USFS has a contract to treat SK this summer – Valhalla may not be the best location
 - Potential - Meyer's beach targeting USFS/County crews/town & road maintenance crews – prefer to focus on ATV user groups
 - State BMPs – good response from ATV groups – Miles will follow up with Tom Boos
 - **August:**
 - 22nd: CWMA field day at Whittlesey Creek
 - **September:**
 - 12th-13th: Leafy spurge control on Maple Hill Rd
 - Friday & Saturday event – target town crews on Friday and landowners on Saturday
- Press release and a paragraph write up on the website for each event.

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Meeting Notes

Business meeting:

Darienne McNamara (USFWS), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Matt Bushman (USFS - Washburn), Tom Fratt (Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Dept), Mike Fitzgibbon (BIA - Ashland), Tom Cogger (NRCS) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

- *National Cooperative Weed Management Areas Conference (April 15 – 17, Reno, NV)*
 - Carmen will be attending.
 - Request for a presentation from a representative of the NCWMA on how to do a lot with a little amount of resources/funding and some examples of how we did it – prefer non-NPS staff (many already presenting) - \$500 available to a representative from each state to help cover costs
 - Dara will look into attending – Carmen will look into getting more funding.
- *Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ashland Office*
 - Developed an equipment washing protocol for forestry practices on the Bad River Reservation
 - Winter cleaning as important as summer – broom or something to get the soil/plant material off of equipment
 - Other vectors? Road maintenance crews - discussion on using/availability of clean fill
 - Garlic mustard in the Bad River floodplain upstream – will inform to be on the look out.
 - What can BIA do for the NCWMA?
 - Participation in events, host a field event (we can provide guidance, resources, expertise, etc.)
 - Become a member
 - Mike will pass info on to Bad River & Red Cliff (participation/membership, benefits/resources, GM in watershed, etc.)
- *Invasive Species Data Collection*
 - Need to all sit down before field season and share/compare data collection, methods, software, equipment, etc.
- *Weed Phenology/ Manual Control List*
 - Matt completed the spreadsheet (up on the NCWMA website)
 - 1918 Migratory Bird Act (no mowing until after July 15th - state interpretation & counties follow) - Carmen will talk with the state representative to discuss the potential to change mowing dates
 - GLIFWC has another list that Steve Garske developed & the state has added to it
- *National Invasive Species Awareness Week – next week!*
 - Dara will send out a reminder to the NCWMA email distribution list
- *Farmer's Market Booth*
 - \$50-\$60 registration fee for the whole summer – NCWMA will reserve a spot for an invasive species awareness table (Carmen will follow-up)
 - Weed of the Week
 - Volunteer chooses the focus species
 - Opportunity to publicize upcoming work day event
 - Provide control sheets/information (USFS weed of the week fact sheets available)
- *NCWMA website (www.northwoodscwma.org)*
 - Resources & Job Opportunities pages added – email Dara any job announcements or resources for the website
- *WI Coastal Management Plan grant Coordinator*
 - Darienne will follow-up with Michele if she is interested

Upcoming Events:

Feb 24 – March 1: National Invasive Species Awareness Week

March 18: Next NCWMA Mtg – business mtg at 10am. & donut discussion at 9am: Matt, USFS offered to share their experiences/protocols for forestry equipment cleaning with an invitation to a county forester & someone from the private sector to share their experiences.

Aug 22: CWMA field day hosted at Whittlesey Creek NWR

Sept 12 – 13: Maple Hill leafy spurge control days

*** Please email Carmen (Carmen.Chapin@nps.gov) hours to be used as match for WI Coastal Management grant (non-state or fed hours) for the past month (Jan.30-Feb19) if you were unable to attend the meeting ***