

## Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2007

### Attendance:

Mark Morey (Town of Washburn), Wendy Stein (USFS), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Darienne McNamara (USFWS), David VanderMeulen (NPS), Ryan Magana (WDNR), Nan Olson (BCLF), Leah Gibala (BRDNR), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield Cnty AIS) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

9 a.m. – 10 a.m: Donut Discussion – preventing invasive seed dispersal with soil movement (focusing on the summer road project for the Town of Washburn)

### Minutes

- Management Plan
  - Long term goals and objectives are currently listed separate in the plan – decision to include only the long term goals/objectives in one section.
    - Include an intro sentence mentioning all of the long term goals/objectives and then go into depth with each goal/objective.
  - Include a sentence stating that this is an adaptive management plan/working document and changes will be made as needed.
  - Add salt cedar, *Tamarisk*, to the invasive species table.
  - Change “Herbs” to “Forbs” (grasses included in list).
  - Include an asterisk with the four priority invasives listed & the full lists – these/this list will be used for this year but will change with time.
    - Short Term Goals – complete surveys and rank NCWMA regional abundance & invasiveness.
  - The list of Cooperators will be an Appendix in the plan in order to easily change the list as more organizations join and everyone has easy access to it.
- NCWMA logo.
  - A contest at this time may be too much (developing curriculum for the schools, etc.) to do it the way we want to.
  - Check into local graphic artists cost for putting together a logo.
    - Printing Plus, Heart Graphics & local Iron River business (Heather H. – Nan will find out the name of her company)
  - Use money from the NRF grant to pay for the logo development.
  - Ideas of what everyone wants on the logo will be facilitated through email and generate a list of ideas to discuss at the next meeting.
- Great Lakes Regional Collaboration AIS Rapid Response Initiative
  - Three parts to their plan 1) contact list to be completed by 2007 2) rapid response plan & 3) simulation.
  - Would be nice to see/use their contact list, but comments that the list is probably only to the state level and doesn't include the local level.
  - Once the website is up, we will have an email address to contact about invasive species sitings & questions and then whoever is in charge of dealing with the emails will decide who is best to address the email.
- Invasive Species Month Woodland Field Day
  - Best location – Prentice Park (multiple species examples & good facilities - pavilion, restrooms, grills, etc.)

- Include Sustainable Chequamegon Initiative – Dara will contact the current coordinator.
  - Miles & David will look into providing equipment & herbicide for the event.
- We made the first cut in the WI Coastal Management Grant ☺
- Received our first grant from Natural Resources Foundation for website development & hosting and to print a NCWMA brochure.
- Tom was contacted by someone from SE WI who was interested in starting up a CWMA in the area. Leah will send Tom the items to send to the group (management plan, AOP, MOU & steering committee positions outline).
- David gave a presentation at the Terrestrial Invasive Species Conference in Minnesota highlighting Whittlesey Creek's work, the Invasive Free Zone & the NCWMA. Other highlights/research outcomes presented at the conference:
  - Garlic mustard biocontrol will start test trials in 2008.
  - If you have lots of buckthorn in the over story, after treatment there is a great influx of seedlings – a burn works good to kill those seedlings.
  - Stump treatment – if you use glyphosate it must be applied immediately. If you use Garlon4 with an oil additive you can wait longer for treatment (couple hours).
  - Spotted knapweed control – Milestone – spray rosettes before they bolt and is effective.
- NPS is working with Northland College, Mike Gardner, to plan a two day buckthorn removal event in April. One of those days will be a CWMA event. David will send out the dates later.
- Superior National Forest developed a non-native invasive species (NNIS) guide which will be handed out with camping/boating registration and was sponsored by REI. The brochure included NNIS background, invasive species identification information and an NNIS siting postcard. David will be looking more into it.
- **Mark your calendars** – *Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>* will be the Whittlesey Creek Invasive Species Field Day.
  - Information sharing, visiting treatment sites and seeing what is working & what is not.
- Next month's Donut Discussion – no topics chosen. If you have something you would like to discuss, email Leah your ideas. Leah will be there at nine with donuts.

**Next meeting to be held at the NGLVC on Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

**\*\*\* Donut Discussion at 9 a.m. \*\*\***