

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Donut Discussion

Topic: Building a working relationship with Northland College (Mark Leech, SIGO).

- Northland College Career Fair & Meeting
 - 12 students signed up on the NCWMA list – Stefania will follow up with them.
 - Please contact Stefania for meeting notes from the NC feed back mtg.
- Northland College
 - Jim Meeker & Mike Gardener – testing a four credit, vegetation assessment course this summer.
 - Trying to get students more hands on work experience.
 - Looking into developing NC student restoration/clean up or other working crews for the summer season
 - Working with City of Ashland (applying for NOAA grant)
 - Additional options: SCA, Americorp, Vista

Business Meeting

Present: Colleen Matula (WDNR), Isaiah Messerly (NPS – Great Lakes EPMT), Stefania Stralzkowska (Bayfield County), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Matt Bushman (Chequamegon-Nicolet NF), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Catherine Temple (Bad River NR Dept.), Pam Robertson (Bad River NR Dept.), Ruth Oppedahl (UW-Extension) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

- Chequamegon-Nicolet NF stimulus money for CWMAAs
 - Good potential to receive funding, providing a half time coordinator for the NCWMA
 - Ashland County Land & Water Conservation Department to sponsor coordinator – Matt will follow up
- Bad River Invasive Species Workshop (April 6th) is cancelled.
- Community Tool Shed
 - Point person – Matt Bushman. Matt will forward any requests to Sarah Traaholt at the Visitor Center. Sarah volunteered to handle the check-in and check-out for the tool shed.
 - Target audience – working groups and public doing invasive species work.
 - Tool maintenance – couple hours once to twice per year to organize, clean and conduct tool maintenance.
 - Herbicide guideline/cleaning procedures handed out to folks checking out materials.
- Farmer's Market
 - Tom had mentioned at the last meeting of potentially being able to cover this cost – Matt will follow up
- Northland College Course – Special Topics in Natural Resources: Invasive Species
 - Reviewed course description, objectives and timeline
- Summer Field Days – see upcoming events below
 - Update: Madeline Island buckthorn control – June 20th (still will plan for the Madeline Island blitz in Sept.)
 - Updat: Galerucella beetle collection dates changed to June 2-4
- Media Blitz
 - June Knotweed Knock Out – invite the Duluth TV station
- Wisconsin Headwaters Invasive Partnership
 - Vilas County CWMA group – great momentum (leader: Ted Ritter)
- WI Transportation Crossroads newsletter
 - Article once NR 40 is passed

Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 14th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.** The donut discussion will begin at **10a.m.** and the business meeting at **11 a.m.** Donut discussion topic will be to discuss NCWMA

coordinator logistics and develop a list of tasks/duties. Note the later meeting time and please bring a lunch as we will head over to the NCWMA community tool shed after the meeting to conduct maintenance on tools and a quick inventory.

Upcoming Events:

April 4th – Lawn & Garden Show – Bayfield County/NCWMA booth

April 14th – NCWMA meeting

May 7th – Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspector’s Training, Cable Natural History Museum 5p.m. (contact Stefania for more information)

May 21st -22nd : Garlic Mustard Control days – Bad River /Copper Falls. Joint day with Upper Chippewa CWMA at Boyd’s Resort (?)

June 2nd – 4th – Galerucella beetle collection

June 6th – Northern Native Plant Sale, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Northland College

June 12th : Knotweed Knock Out in Bayfield

June 19th - NW Lakes Confernce – Bayfield County/NCWMA booth

June 20th – Madeline Island buckthorn control

June 23rd – 25th – Leafy spurge biocontrol work days (potential trip to Trempealeau to collect)

June 25th – Citizen Lake Monitoring Training, Iron River Community Center 6p.m. (contact Stefania for more information)

Aug 20th : Galerucella Chequamegon sites viewing

Sept 18th – 19th : Leafy Spurge, Washburn

Sept 24th – 25th (tentative): Madeline Island Blitz

Sep-Dec – Northland College Course – Special Topics in Natural Resources: Invasive Species