

## **Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting**

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Tuesday April 14, 2009

### **Doughnut Discussion:**

Topic- NCWMA coordinator logistics and develop a list of tasks/duties

- Still no final word on funding through stimulus money or grants
  - Should hear about the grant Dara and Stefania wrote on April 15, the WEEB grant in May
- Duties should include tasks such as coordinating volunteers and work days, keeping track of the budget/volunteer match, work with media to get awareness out, etc.
- Decision was made to table the writing of a job description until group looks into other CWMA Coordinator position descriptions (Dara volunteered to look into Marquette area group and Ill group)

### **Business Meeting:**

Present: Colleen Matula (WDNR), Stefania Stralzkowska (Bayfield Co), Matt Bushmann (Chequamegon-Nicolet NF), Steve Spickerman (Chequamegon-Nicolet NF), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Julie Van Stappen (NPS), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Ruth Oppedahl (UWEX) & Heather Palmquist (Iron Co)

### **ATV Wash Station**

- ATV wash station will be installed - coming from CA
- Asked if NCWMA would be involved with making of a kiosk/sign to inform recreationists on what the wash station's purpose is and what species to be on the look for
- Hoping NCWMA could lend a hand with education during busy times to make recreationists aware of main concern species and on BMP's for ATV users
- NCWMA will help with signs and should have someone there at ribbon cutting for PR for the group
- Contact WATVA group and have them present as well to work together
- Look into getting an article put into WATVA magazine
- Carmen and Steve volunteered to contact groups out west that may have signs already produced to get similar message across and not reinvent the wheel

### **Leafy Spurge Project (Washburn)**

- Washburn wants to get the project with the school running again, new teacher contact needed and more support, once that is established they will contact us again

### **Farm & Garden Show**

- Date was wrong so the booth wasn't set up

### **Farmer's Market Booth**

- Looks like a go, want the group back
- Decision will be made for sure whether to commit when funding is secured

### **County Fair Booth**

- Brought up to have outreach at county fairs throughout the region
- Good idea, tabled until coordinator funding is secured

## **Other Business Round-Robin:**

### **Colleen-**

- Email attachment sent- Ashland County Forestry developed an Invasive Species Plan
  - Good plan, great step for Ashland Co.
  - Focuses on terrestrial plants
  - Foresters have round-up on hand when they mark timber and treat accordingly
    - Carmen asked if Bad River has come up with a new plan, Dara replied she suspected they had not
- Mad Island Blitz may have to be bumped up from Sept. to Aug. due to boy scouts being involved to earn an invasive species badge (date TBD)

### **Stefania-**

- State of WI Assembly currently is reviewing a bill to pass an “Illegal to Transport” statute which does have aquatic and terrestrial components
- Bayfield Co passed an “Illegal to Transport” resolution, now they are attaching some fines to reinforce the resolution
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense \$50 fine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$100 fine, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$1,000 fine
    - Fine for 1<sup>st</sup> offense not high due to the fact that police won’t enforce it as they are sensitive to high fine
  - Sheriff feels education is key and is still 1<sup>st</sup> priority

### **Dara-**

- Someone willing to write an article for Bad River’s Watershed newsletter advertising Farmer’s Market and Work Day Events (Carmen committed)
- Interest was expressed to CSM rep that NCWMA would like to host a GPS Library – we’ll see if we get some as a result
  - Data entered ? – can it go to GLIFWC or does it still need to go to CSM
- Brief blubs on work days needed to be written up and emailed to Dara so she can post on website, please help with writing as Dara doesn’t have time to do it all
- Website has been updated with new contacts for tool shed – Matt’s contact info
- Sent out NCWMA post
  - Stefania wanted permission to alter it to make it a 3-panel poster (permission granted)
- Presque Isle has a large work day scheduled to pull Garlic Mustard, keep in mind for next year if we help them advertise and staff workers they may help us – could be a great partnership

### **Carmen-**

- Invasive species class at Northland is almost full (2hour class once a week)
- If we inventory the tool shed as planned, her crew will do the maintenance needed

### **Heather-**

- Purple loosestrife biocontrol workshop with Brock Woods scheduled for this coming Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at the Hurley School Library – pass the word on

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\*\*\*\*Next meeting **Tuesday May 12, at the Great Lakes Visitor Center:** doughnut discussion: **9am** - Coordinator position description and Garlic Mustard work day. Business meeting to follow at **10am** \*\*\*\* Heather will bring doughnuts