

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Meeting Notes

Donut Discussion: Working with volunteers and development of a hold harmless agreement.

Business meeting:

Colleen Matula (WDNR), Darienne McNamara (USFWS), Mark Jaunzems (USFS), Matt Bushman (USFS - Washburn), Carmen Chapin (NPS, GL EPMT), Dennis Swenson (private landowner), Kristen Christianson (private landowner), Tom Cogger (NRCS) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

- *Garlic Mustard Pull in Mellen*
 - Event was a great success – 20 people on Friday and 5 on Saturday
 - Michele did an excellent job!!!
 - Colleen will draft up a press release with photos and submit to the Ashland Daily Press and the local Mellen paper.
- *NCWMA Magnets*
 - NCWMA magnets are in and will be given out at events and at the Farmer's Market in Ashland.
- *Farmer's Market Booth*
 - Starts June 14th (8 a.m. - noon) – Sign up sheet will be sent with the meeting notes – everyone should take a slot so it is not on one person.
 - Northwoods CWMA sign made up (?) for the booth & events – Carmen will check with Michele
 - Tent, boxes of brochures and wildcards will be stored in the shed to check out before your day.
 - Choose your species to highlight each week. We want to focus on the specific species we will be controlling the week before a work day & encourage participation in the upcoming work day.
- *Tool Shed*
 - The tool shed is up behind the NGLVC by the big barn
 - List of supplies to check out
 - Carmen & Darienne will have the keys and are in charge of checking out/in equipment
- *NWF - PTI grant*
 - Did not receive the grant – Darienne will follow up to see why we were not chosen.
 - Need to look into grants to cover the cost for a coordinator for next year's work days.
- *NCWMA - 2008 Invader Crusader Award Recipient*
 - June 2nd at 1:00p.m. at the capital – congrats to everyone!
 - Carmen is willing to drive a vehicle down early and drive back the same day – we would like to get at least a car load of folks down to accept the award.
 - Please email Carmen if you can make it.
- *Native Seed Packets*

- USFS is donating 2 lbs. of native seed mix for packets at the Farmer's Market and volunteer days.
- Carmen will get envelopes and we can print labels for the seed packets.
- *Knotweed Knock Out in Bayfield*
 - Friday, June 27th – one day event only
 - Washburn boy scouts are always looking for summer projects and now there is an invasive species badge – contact to see if they could help out with the knotweed event
- *July event*
 - Still uncertain on this event – Valhalla will not have the washing station up and has a contract to treat the spotted knapweed along the trails.
 - July 12th is the buckthorn event at the Madeline Island Preserve – potential to combine with Big Bay State Park as the July event – “Buckthorn Blitz”
 - Cut stump herbicide
 - Colleen will follow up with Big Bay SP
- *AIS roadside signs in the four county area*
 - Apply for AIS grant for road signs (prior email with photos of the signs put up in Sawyer County) in the August round of WDNR AIS control grants.
 - USFS will match funds
 - \$100/sign plus \$35 for posts, anchors and bolts and possible sign location charge (Sawyer County - \$25/sign).
 - Dara will draft up a grant application for the signs (due August 1st).
- *Invasive Species Awareness Month*
 - June is ISAM highlighting aquatic invasive species
 - Remember to register any of your events.
- *St. Croix Riverfest Meet the Waters, Meet the People, Celebrate our Nature*
 - First ever Riverfest celebrating the St. Croix River, go to <http://riverfest.uscwa.org> for more details.
- *Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference*
 - June 19th-20th, Telemark Resort & Convention Center, Cable, WI
- *Local landowners*
 - Dennis & Kristin – both local property owners joined the meeting to discuss how to control buckthorn in their backyard and what invasive species to be on the lookout for.
 - Useful websites: www.mipn.org & www.ipaw.org.
 - Cut-stump treatment – triclopyr (Garlon4) or glyphosate (Roundup) – Carmen will email out a list of adequate chemicals (correct concentrations) that you can purchase at your local stores.
 - Thanks Dennis & Kristin for doing your part to control & prevent the spread of invasives in your backyard – keep up the good work!
- *Working with our local newspapers*
 - Need to build up a contact at each of the papers to ensure we can get reporters at events and our press releases printed in the paper.
 - Colleen will work with a current contact for the Ironwood Daily Globe (Iron County).
 - Carmen will contact Chad Dally, Ashland Daily Press, to build up a relationship.
- *Monthly Press Releases*
 - Press release after each monthly event that will highlight our last event with photos, advertise the next event and the available tools in the tool shed.

- *FISTA (Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance Inc.)*
 - Interested in incorporating invasive plants information and education into trainings.
 - Advanced Forest Roads class – May 22 – Tom Boos will be covering invasive plants at this training.
 - October 2nd training in Park Falls – would be interested in having someone cover invasives at this training.
 - Dara will forward on to the Upper Chippewa CWMA – within their CWMA area.
- *Next NCWMA meeting, July 1st*
 - No June meeting
 - No donut discussion
 - Start at 8 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. so folks can get out in the field.

Upcoming Events (see website for additional details):

May 26th – 30th: *Galerucella* beetle evaluation days - join Miles to check out purple loosestrife biocontrol sites around the Chequamegon Bay for the upcoming collection days (contact Miles for more info, miles@glifwc.org).

June 2nd: Invader Crusader Award Ceremony at the capital

June 2nd – 5th: *Galerucella* beetle collection days

June 7th: Northern Native Plants Project, Native Plant Sale

June 27th: Knotweed Knock Out in Bayfield

July 1st: next NCWMA meeting at 8 a.m. (no donut discussion)

July 10th: “The Buckthorn Battle: Why This Plant Means War and Why You Should Fight”, Madeline Island Wilderness Society Meeting

July 12th: “Get Into The Thick of It!”- outdoor buckthorn control session, Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve

August 22nd: CWMA field day hosted at Whittlesey Creek NWR

Sept 12 – 13: Maple Hill leafy spurge control days

TBD: Spotted knapweed educational day/ July event

*** 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 if you were unable to attend the meeting ***