

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Monday, June 8, 2009

Business Meeting

Present: Matt Bushman (Chequamegon-Nicolet NF), Stacy Schaefer (SIGO), Tom Fratt (Ashland Co LWCD), Colleen Matula (WDNR), Stefania Stralzkowska (Bayfield County), Tom Cogger (NRCS), and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

- Ashland Farmer's Market
 - Same location as last year
 - New handouts for kids - AIS temporary tattoos and stickers
- CWMA Coordinator
 - Two applicants so far, deadline June 12, pushed back by Gemini
 - Matt, Stefania and Carmen will meet after the deadline to review applicants
- Knotweed Knockout
 - 11 volunteers signed up – Carmen needs to know by Tuesday 2 p.m. for lunch count
 - 5 work sites chosen
 - Next year if there is the continued lack of local support then we will focus on lands with land ownership involvement/participation and will probably discontinue the Bayfield knotweed event.
- Ashland County has a grant to work on Fish Creek (NFWF) – opportunity to partner on events, but match would not work with the NCWMA grant (both fed)
- ATV wash station installed at Valhalla
- Potential money for CWMA's along the Great Lakes under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, but so far no money is appropriated for these funds. Funds would go to help start new CWMA's, jump start recently formed ones and smaller amounts for existing CWMA's.
- Kids Fishing Day a huge success. Stefania had lots of kids and parents come by the booth.
- Wisconsin Workforce Development is hiring 55 watercraft inspectors statewide to staff landings.
 - Stefania had volunteered to help with supervision of any local inspectors hired.
- Invitation from IPAW to become an affiliated group. Carmen will look into it and fill out the form.
- NCWMA side walk, "Weed Warriors at Work" sign
 - Final design will be posted on the website for any comments/feedback before it is sent to Heart Graphics.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 7th at the Ashland National Park Service Office.** There will be no donut discussion and the business meeting will begin at **8 a.m.** Please note the earlier time and change of location.

Upcoming Events:

June 12th : Knotweed Knock Out in Bayfield

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

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)

July 7th: NCWMA Mtg – Ashland NPS building, 8 a.m. (no donut discussion)

Aug 20th : Galerucella Chequamegon sites viewing

Sept 11th – 12th : Madeline Island Barberry and Buckthorn Blitz

Sept 18th – 19th : Leafy Spurge, Washburn

Fall – Northland College Course – Special Topics in Natural Resources: Invasive Species