

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

National Park Service office, Ashland

Wednesday August 5, 2009 8:00 am

**Present:** Matt Bushman (USFS), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Darienne McNamara (NCWMA Coordinator)

### **• Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**

- Refers to a big pot of funding (\$400M +/-) coming from the EPA for projects in the Great Lakes basin; most of the funding will be given to federal agencies who will distribute the money through their respective grant programs, cooperative agreements, or contracts. Some of the funds will also be available to nonprofits and through inter-agency agreements. Funding is for large-scale and long-term projects, invasive species are one of the five focus areas for funding, currently earmarked for 15-20% of the funding.
- Carmen attended a listening session in Duluth about the GLRI, reviewed some of the information she got from the meeting. Info is available online at [http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/GLRI\\_Slides.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/GLRI_Slides.pdf)
- Local agencies and nonprofits are meeting regularly to develop a proposal for some funding, Darienne has been attending the meetings to represent the CWMA.

- **Other Funding** - Xcel Foundation offers small grants for local projects, accept proposals quarterly. A couple ideas discussed: invasive control at Prentice Park, along lakeshore trail, corridor between Beaser and Sanborn, powerline through Ashland.

- **Grant Oversight Committee (GOC)** - the agreement with Bayfield County requires a GOC to “oversee activities and ensure grant criteria are being met” for the NFWF grant. MaryJo and Colleen agreed to serve on the committee, we need one more person (Dara will ask Miles).

- **IPAW Affiliation** - Carmen talked to Kelly Kearns regarding affiliation with IPAW. Benefits include: hosting our website, advertising our events, and acting as fiscal agent for us - all for a fee. We don't have a need for any of these services at the moment. Requirements include: pay a fee and serve on Board and committees. The group decided, at this point, being affiliated with IPAW would not offer enough benefits to outweigh the added responsibilities.

### **• Northern WI CWMA “Symposium”**

- Talked about getting together in Jan/Feb 2010 with other CWMA's in northern WI (Vilas/Oneida, Iron/Gogebic, Upper Chippewa, and us).
- Potential speakers/topics include: Kelly Kearns (DNR) to talk about NR40; Rick Schulte (invasive species control contractor, herbicide distributor) to talk about species-specific treatment and herbicide recommendations; others?
- Darienne will work with other Coordinators/Chairs to organize this.

### **• NFWF Grant**

- A short article was sent to IPAW for their August newsletter, with an update on the Coordinator position and planned workshops/presentations. Also, our project will be

included in a NFWF website which shows all the projects they fund (to be completed in Sept 2009).

- Madeline Island event on Sept 12: rumor has it a small army of Boy Scouts will be attending, Colleen or Darienne may be asking for help with tools, supplies, supervisors, etc. More info will be sent out by email before the event.
  - County and municipal presentations: many groups in the state are doing similar presentations (about invasives, NR40, etc.) and the DNR wants to help everyone send the same message, so they are developing PowerPoint presentations for groups like us to use. They've also created a pocket guide that includes all the species which will be regulated by NR40. These will be available to us for cheap - we have funds in the budget to pay for lots of them (500+).
  - Darienne will be keeping track of match for this grant, she will be sending out requests for hours/mileage each month. If you have any to contribute, let her know (373-5964, [darienne.mcnamara@gmail.com](mailto:darienne.mcnamara@gmail.com)).
- **Project RED**
    - There was a training held at the Visitor Center in July for local citizens interested in helping to monitor invasive species along rivers. The program is part of Project RED (Riverine Early Detectors), which is a partnership between the DNR, NIISS, and the River Alliance of WI. CWMA members decided at today's meeting that we could serve as local contacts for trained volunteers, in case they have questions about ID or treatment. We can also offer them the use of our GPS units. Darienne will follow-up with these volunteers and the Project RED staff.