



Maryland Invasive Species Council
Thursday, July 24, 2008
Seneca Creek State Park
Gaithersburg, MD

Call to Order: ~9:30 a.m., John Lydon, Acting Facilitator

Additions to the agenda

Introductions

Deborah Barber, TNC	Roger Lawson, ARS
Carole Bergmann MNCPPC	Chris Lockett, MDE
Brian Clark, MCE	John Lydon USDA ARS
Eric Duce, SHA	Phil Pannil, MD DNR FS
* Richard "Tom" Gardner, UMD student	Pete Rupp, MDA
Anne Hairston Strang, MD DNR FS	Megan Reiser, M-NCPPC
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	Matt Salo, Friends of Lower Beaver Dam Creek
Lane Heimer, MDA	Alan Tasker, USDA APHIS PPQ
Carol Holko, MDA PPWM	Edith Thompson
Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries	John Peter Thompson, MNLA
Marc Imlay, AWS	Marek Topolsko, MD DNR
Patrick Kelly, AA Co.	Sarah Widman MD DNR
Kerry Kyde, MD DNR	

*indicates new attendee

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None.

Approval of Minutes, May 2008 meeting

Page 1 – Matt Salo should be "Salo"

Motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and approved.

Membership

Matt Salo requests membership. Will be voted on at next meeting attended.
John Lydon still in Acting Facilitator status.

Phil Pannil, Maryland DNR Forest Service

- State Agency Prohibited Plant List
 - DNR only policy, not statewide
 - Hope other agencies will adopt too
 - Industry will have concerns – need to discuss before going public; Kerrie gave update at June MNLA Field Day; Carol mentioned at March MNLA Board Meeting
 - Possibly have a multi-tiered list, e.g. Class II, III, III...
 - What about cultivars?
 - Next steps:
 - MISC members provide feedback to Phil, p pannill@dnr.state.md.us, cc: Kerrie, kkyde@dnr.state.md.us
 - DNR ISMT complete references and produce product for public vetting
- ** DRAFT AND LIST ARE TO BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL **
- EDRR Kudzu Project in Western Maryland
 - Two patches in Indian Springs Wildlife Management Area, Washington County
 - 16-acre area

- DNR W&H looking for support, funding sources
- Need internal DNR environmental review
- Three years of herbicide application and prescribed burning.
- Areas also heavily infested with multiflora rose – access issues

Marc Imlay, Anacostia Watershed, <http://www.anacostiaws.org>

- Impact of *Microstegium* on endangered species and ecosystems at Chapman State Park, herbicide options
 - Questions for group – contact Marc with info on this topic
- Potential bio-control of Japanese stilt grass – three rusts documented in Chinese literature
 - Requests letters to 1) Sen. Cardin and 2) ARS to support research on bio-control of JSG

Agency Updates

- MDA – Carol Holko, Lane Heimer, Pete Rupp
 - Weed Control
 - Very busy for listed noxious weeds and other invasives
 - Treated thistle re-growing because of rain
 - Carole Bergmann thanked program for help with invasives
 - Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
 - One EAB adult female caught on purple prism trap, <1/2 mile from Charles County line, ~3.4 miles from farthest known infested tree
 - >900 traps statewide, only one positive outside EZ
 - Two VA detections in Fairfax County, Herndon and Springfield
 - Update and combined map posted on <http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/eab/current.php>
 - Gypsy moth Task Force underway to assess program priorities
 - Imported fire ant – three positives, all old sites.
- DNR – Kerrie Kyde, Marek Topolski Sarah Widman
 - WLBG – starting density surveys
 - Extensive populations of Shenandoah Nund in VA on > 70 acres
 - Western part of Shenandoah National Park
 - Western Faulkier County
 - PLS – with Bob Trumbule will release last of beetles; thanks to Eric Duce for reporting PLS plants at Sandy Point State Park garden
 - Mitten crabs in Delaware Bay and Hudson River
 - Blue catfish – informal diet study underway
 - Two snakeheads found in Anacostia R. in rocky, fast-moving water – different from slow moving water thought to be preferred
 - Rusty crayfish regulations adopted
 - Positive response from angler community to Didymo washing stations
 - Need to decide what ANS to add to prohibited list per new regs.
 - MacKnight, Kyde, Holko did live call-in show on invasive species – Dan Roderick’s Midday program on WYPR
- MDE – Chris Lockett
 - Citizen complaints
 - Middle River area, Baltimore County – salinity drops in wet year, extension of range of Eurasian water milfoil, and filamentous green algae, seasonal problem
 - Biocontrol work done in New England
 - Snakehead reported in Upper Marlboro, not in Patuxent – referred to DNR
 - 55 stations – using non-native clams in cages to monitor for PCB’s in non-tidal Potomac (revenge is side benefit)
- APHIS –AI Tasker
 - Rebecca Bech new PPQ Deputy Administrator
 - 7cfr360 ANPR moving forward, will add 7 species to regulated list, not published yet
 - ARS National Program Leader job is currently advertised until mid-October

Invader of the Month, review of species and author list

- Need to start thinking about next year – email suggestions to Kerrie, KKyde@dnr.state.md.us

NEWS AND NEW BUSINESS

John Peter Thompson

- Working on congressional briefing on invasive species for National Invasive Species Council
- Kudzu for biofuel – profitable method of eliminating kudzu, intent is to harvest existing patches on agricultural land and replant with non-invasive biofuel plant, NOT plant kudzu as crop

Mark Imlay

- Workshops on WLBG, today @ 5:30 p.m. and this Saturday @ 11 a.m.
- August 25, mile-a-minute weevil workshop in PA

Carol Holko

- MDA and The South River Foundation, as part of a Targeted Watershed Initiative funded by a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, are cooperating on stormwater solution project, using three “bio-retention cells” at MDA HQ using structure and plants to reduce the velocity of stormwater in Broad Creek (headwaters behind AA County Health Department) and to filter pollutants from runoff.
- MDA rearing *Gallerucella* and mile-a-minute weevil (USFS Grant)

Deborah Barber, TNC

- Invasives control projects in all western MD preserves, focusing in restoration areas, continuation of several year project
 - Targeting rice marsh bulrush
- TNC MD Chapter wants to determine appropriate role regarding preventive invasive species measures in MD
- October 7-9, 2008 meeting – VA Eastern Shore, will post on MISC Website

Matt Salo

- What is best way to be informed on emerging invasive species threats?

Next Meeting – September 23, 24, or 25, 2008, Seneca Creek State Park

Adjourn ~12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary