

Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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The Invasive Species Bulletin provides you with all the latest news on invasive species in Montana and the region. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, contributions, questions, corrections, or comments.

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Montana News

- **REGISTER TODAY: Governor's Summit on Invasive Species Summit Priorities Webinar**

Please join the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council and Lisa DeBruyckere from Creative Resource Strategies, LLC for a webinar to discuss the top priorities that were identified in the Statewide Invasive Species Assessment and at the Summit, as well as next steps for developing *Montana's Invasive Species Strategic Framework*. Get the [Summit Report here...](#)

When: Monday, June 13, 2016, 10-11 a.m. MST

[Click Here to Register](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- **MONTANA PROMOTES IPM to Protect "The Last Best Place" (*The Western Front*, June 2016)**

The state that calls itself "The Last Best Place" has a lot to protect from pests: vast fields of wheat and barley driving its agriculture sector, miles of mountains, forests and rangeland forming an outdoor paradise, and clear rivers and lakes at the upper end of the North American watershed.

To protect these resources from an array of native and invasive pests, Montana actively promotes integrated pest management to farmers, land managers, homeowners and even real estate agents. Here are a few of the ways how.

Montana has had a long history with invasive weeds, with noxious weed laws dating back to the 1890s. And it's still in the battle – on land, and in the state's waterways to get a handle on the terrestrial and aquatic invasive species threatening the state, Governor Steve Bullock signed an executive order in late 2014 forming the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council. The group is made

up of representatives from weed control districts, state and federal agencies, tribal representatives, industry and private landowners, [Read more...](#)

- **AIS INSPECTION STATIONS Open--Clean. Drain. Dry**

Keeping aquatic invasive species out of Montana waters will be the focus this summer of inspecting, outreach and education efforts by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Like other summers, FWP will operate 17 boat inspection stations around Montana this summer. Most of these inspection stations open on May 19 or shortly after in advance of Memorial Day weekend. All vehicles with watercraft must stop when they pass an inspection station.

The core component of FWP's aquatic invasive species program is the mantra "Clean. Drain. Dry." All boaters must clean their watercraft after use, drain all bilges and live wells and make sure all pools of water that may be in the watercraft are dry. This ensures that any invasive species would be eliminated. [Read more...](#)

- **NOXIOUS WEED PETITION PERIOD**

Petitions for new plants to be added the Montana Noxious Weed List are being accepted until September 31, 2016. Visit agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Weeds/ for more information or contact Dave Burch at 406,444-3140 or dburch@mt.gov

Regional and National News

- **GOVERNOR BULLOCK JOINS Western State Governors to Oppose VIDA**

Western governors are working together to urge Congress to reject the *Vessel Incident Discharge Act* (VIDA). VIDA would dramatically weaken or remove existing state laws around the country that protect our states' waters against the continual threat of aquatic invasive species and water pollution. It would instead impose an insufficient nationwide standard, enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard.

- **MOBILE QUAGGA and ZEBRA Mussel Prevention Trailer Takes to the Road (CivicInfoBC)**

PENTICTON - The Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) is taking to the road in their newly constructed, educational, trailer.

This highly visual addition to the existing aquatic invaders prevention program was made possible by the RDOS, who received a generous grant from the Royal Bank of Canada through the RBC Blue Water Project Fund. [Read more..](#)

- **WESTERN REGIONAL PANEL on ANS June Update**

Executive Committee Meeting - The Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month. The Ex Comm last met on May 23rd. All *approved* minutes from past Executive Committee calls can be found [here](#).

Annual Meeting 2016 - Start Making Your Travel Plans - The WRP will hold their annual meeting in Jackson, Wyoming on October 19-21, 2016. Wyoming Game and Fish Department is hosting the event. The meeting and lodging will be at the [Snow King Hotel](#) in Jackson. Look for a draft agenda and registration very soon!

Upcoming WRP Committee calls

June 6th, 2 pm mountain time: 2016 WRP Annual Meeting Planning conference call

June 9th, 10 am mountain time: WRP Executive Committee conference call

June 28th, 10 am mountain time: WRP Building Consensus Outreach Committee conference call

June 29, 1 pm mountain time: WRP Membership Committee conference call

ANS Task Force Spring Meeting - The federal Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force held their spring meeting in early May. WRP Chair Elizabeth Brown represented the WRP at the meeting and presented WRP recommendations. Also, Dennis Zabaglo with Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Karen McDowell with San Francisco Estuary Partnership, and John Wullschleger with the National Park Service provided representation from the West.

If you have any questions about the WRP activities or business, simply contact the WRP Coordinator (leah@stopans.org)

Other

- **MISAC Council Member Vacancy**

MISAC is seeking a hydropower professional to represent the power industry. If you are interested or want to nominate someone, contact Stephanie Hester at shester@mt.gov

- **FREE Western Aquatic Invasive Species Webinar Series**

Please join us for the Western Aquatic Invasive Species webinar series hosted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. The series focuses on collaborative activities in the western states to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species, such as quagga and zebra mussels.

Webinar #2: June 17, 2016, 10:00am-11:00am Pacific Time

The Basics of Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Training

Join "Quagga D" Davis, Watercraft Inspection and Decontamination Trainer, and several experts to share information about the basics of watercraft inspection and decontamination, collaborative efforts with Canada and the western states to prevent the movement of infested boats, why watercraft inspection and decontamination stations are important to prevention efforts, and much more!

To [register](#), please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8137020838496427778>.

- **NORTHERN ROCKIES INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL CONFERENCE**

Join NRIPC October 17-20, 2016 at the Boise Centre in Boise, ID for the 4th Northern Rockies Invasive Plant Council Conference. This four day conference will feature presentations on the latest developments in invasive plant research and provide ample opportunity for managers and researchers to engage and identify creative new approaches to managing invasions. Join the discussion of possibilities and problems specific to the management of invasive plants in natural areas, and perhaps more importantly, contribute to solutions!

Call for papers. Papers can now be submitted for the following conference themes: 1) Continuing changes in herbicide regulations, 2) Re-thinking integrated weed management—Tools across space and time, 3) Annual grasses—A perennial problem, 4) New invaders—Intros and updates, 5) Genetic variability of

invasive plants, 6) Biological control, 7) Multi-taskers—Weeds of cultivated and natural areas, 8) Good weed, bad weed—Understanding the benefits and drawbacks of weeds and weed management, 9) Wet and wild—Aquatic invasive plants, 10) Restoration and revegetation, 11) Weeds and sage-grouse management

Visit www.nripc.org and follow the style of the sample abstract provided and indicate the session topic number you would like to submit your paper to. Abstract submission deadline is **August 5, 2016** at midnight PST. Submit and upload your abstract (MS Word files only) by emailing nripc@nripc.org.

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