

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

- **Governor's Summit on Invasive Species Summit Priorities Webinar Recording**

If you were unable to join the webinar earlier this week, [click here](#) to view a recording of the event.

- **RFQ ISSUED FOR Invasive Species Strategic Framework**

Missoula County, in association with the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council, is issuing a Request for Qualification ("RFQ") to select a natural resource consultant to aid in the development of the Montana All-Taxa Invasive Species Strategic Framework.

The purpose of this plan is to provide a roadmap and timeline with prioritized short-term and long-term actions aimed to improve coordination, increase capacity, and decrease duplication of efforts for invasive species programs across Montana. The selected consultant will work with both the County and the Council to gather and organize the information necessary for the strategic plan.

Proposals are due June 24, 2016

[Click here to view the RFQ](#)

- **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

- **Western Governor's policy statement on invasive species (6/14/16)**

Western Governors' Association Policy Resolution 2016-05: Western Governors support coordinated invasive species management including early detection and rapid response programs to ensure that actions result in more on-the-ground prevention, management and eradication. Governors also call for increased accountability and oversight of federal invasive species programs and support the creation of a west-wide species inventory, including the development of data management standards, formats and protocols. [Get the policy here...](#)

- **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.

- **WESTERN CANADA INVASIVE SPECIES Agreement coordinates fight against invasive mussels**

The Western Canada Invasive Species Agreement was recently signed by British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. It is a coordinated regional defense against invasive species with an initial focus on aquatic invasive species including quagga and zebra mussels. [Read the news release](#)

Other

- **SAVE THE DATE: Western Regional Panel On Aquatic Nuisance Species Annual Meeting**

The three day meeting will include two days of presentations, discussion, business meeting and an optional field trip. On October 19th participants will learn and participate in a variety of presentations and discussions. On October 20th, the WRP will hold their business meeting interspersed with a mix of

presentations. On October 21, participants can enjoy the field trip to local areas exploring regional AIS issues. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

- **MISAC Council Member Vacancy**

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

- **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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