

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting/ Project Name:	MISAC		
Date of Meeting:	May 24, 2016	Time:	10-4
Minutes Prepared By:	Stephanie Hester	Location:	Capitol Room 152
1. Meeting Objective			
2. Attendees			
Bryce Christiaens, Tom Boos, Steve Hertel, Mike Miller, Dave Burch, Mark Aagenes, Patricia Gilbert, Steve Wanderaas, Floyd Thompson, Jeff Baumberger, Gary Adams, Lori Witham, Tom Smith, Virgil Dupuis, Mark Aagenes, Steve Tyrell (phone), Chip Weber (phone), Stephanie Hester, Steve Elliot (Western IPM)			
3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Welcome	Bryce opened the meeting at 10:05. Round robin introductions.		
March 22 minutes approval	MOTION: Tom Boos moved to approve minutes as written Steve Wanderaas seconds Unanimous approval		
Budget update	ACTION: Bryce will email MISAC budget figures Under \$7,700 left, plus new infusions from Flathead National Forest—Region 1 \$30,000 from NWTF, Western IPM, and DNRC AIS for strategic framework Summit paid for itself		
Summit feedback results	Stephanie passed out the survey results and provided high-level overview Stephanie to finalize Summit Report and post online ACTION: Finalize Summit report and send/post prior to June 13		
Council Vacancies	Two vacancies --Mark Reller—hydropower rep stepped off Council. Looking for new representative --NRCS—Lisa Coverdale, State Conservationist will appoint member Steve Hertel—would like to step off executive committee Steve Wanderaas interested in joining executive committee Bryce asked if anyone else was interested. No other interest. MOTION: Tom Boos moved that Steve Wanderaas be elected as new vice-chair Floyd Thompson seconds Unanimous approval ACTION: SH to set-up new exec. committee meeting		
Stakeholder Listening Session	Steve Elliot, Western IPM Center Provided overview of center. USDA funded. Grant giving agency for western region for integrated pest management. 17 member advisory council Need public land manager representative. Doing stories on Montana IMP Programs—MISAC, Bison Range, Bozeman.		
IS Prioritization	Two handouts include priorities that rose to top from Summit/Assessment. Developed by executive committee. Need to work on 2 things today: 1) consensus on priorities for Governor's office; and 2) Invasive Species legislation Need to discuss how Council fit in with outside legislation? There will be legislation MISAC isn't aware of. Need to institutionalize Council with funding mechanism, so Council can sort through issues and decide what to support. MISAC won't bring all issues to table. Governor's Office will bring legislation		

forward. Need short list of what we want to accomplish at legislature. Decide what outside legislation we want to support.

Examples of potential legislation coming:

New Pesticide Regulations from MDA

MACO—pursuing increase in vehicle registration fees

Need to be strategic about what we take to Governor's Office. Executive Committee discussed pushing priorities that will help set-up the Council for implementation of strategic plan. Priorities build infrastructure for what will we tackle to set ourselves up for implementation. We all have individual priorities, but we need to come up with a collective list of priorities from Council not individual interests.

Biggest need is to institutionalize Council with some funding. Everything else will fall into place with strategic framework. Not sure Council should bring legislation forward. Just need to state issue and ask for law. Council provides a forum for networking, information sharing and coordinating body for implementing strategic plan. Discussion around balancing asks for Council vs. on-the-ground action. General feeling is that Council should be run as frugally as possible, but also need to highlight the brain trust the Council provides—all members are volunteers.

Biggest priority is sense of urgency with AIS perimeter defense. Some agreement that AIS is priority, others feel that species prioritization and conveyance will reveal priorities in more meaningful way.

Want to capitalize AIS fund, so that we start to build the fund to implement priorities coming out of the strategic framework. Trust fund can fund whatever priorities we decide, but we need to put money in it.

Discussion on what perimeter defense mean? Need to define what this means for Council and how to phase. Do we base it on species prioritization or conveyance? Agreement on big picture vision for perimeter defense to include tightening borders and making them all-taxa inspection stations.

Perimeter defense issues:

--Can't be a one agency program.

--staffing is problem. Can't find contractor to deal with staffing.

--state hiring limitations, so can't raise wages for inspectors.

--in most cases, using MDT weigh stations is not feasible

-- First step with ramping up stations is getting people. Wages are not the issue.

-- Species prioritization is critical and we need to process will lead to comprehensive IS law. Need to look at prioritizing vectors too.

Discussion about species prioritization. Prioritization is painful because there are so many priorities—Asian long-horned beetle, EAB, mussels. Need species prioritization to understand what our biggest issues are. Need to provide Governor with overview of all issues. We should list issues, but not prioritize.

Firewood is just as big of a vector as boats. Need to work on authority and inspect at border stations. Ask is small to roll out firewood regs. Could be funded through AIS trust fund.

Council can find ways to address all species. Firewood regulations need to be in place. There is nothing protecting us from EAB. Nothing on the books to prevent. Don't have a mechanism to inspect.

For terrestrials transporting hay is a big issue. MDA has not authority to stop even though transporting invasive species is illegal.

	<p>Consensus on firewood regulation and institutionalizing Council. Get funding for AIS trust fund so once we know priorities we can apply funds appropriately.</p> <p>Consensus on categories: Funding—Capitalize AIS Trust Fund Early Detection—Perimeter Defense vision, firewood regs and E&O (consensus borders need to be tightened up is big picture, start with firewood regs as way to work up to comprehensive perimeter defense) Coordination—MISAC continuation (need Council to accomplish above)</p> <p>Recognition that most of these items will come through legislation. Need a legislative roundup discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Dave Burch moved that the key points the Executive Committee takes to Governor's Office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Perimeter Defense vision 2) Firewood Movement 3) AIS Trust Fund 4) Council. Ask for Governor to put Council budget into Governor's Budget at \$150,000. <p>Tom Boos seconded Discussion—removing "aquatic" from trust fund. Need further discussion on merging trust funds or adding pest trust fund. Need to secure funding mechanisms for all taxa. Unanimous approval</p> <p>Framework will be deliverables for next few years. Serve as scorecard to see what we accomplish and to demonstrate success.</p>
Strategic Framework Discussion	<p>Reviewed samples from several other states' IS strategic plans Need measurable goals Need something more than a general plan so it doesn't sit on shelf Will serve as implementation roadmap for Council</p> <p>How does this plan fit in with other agency plans, e.g. noxious weed plan, ANS? --Complementary plans will tier off of framework. Make sure these state plans align with overall framework. Specific actions in agency plans can be incorporated, but agency plans will include the detail. This plan lays out plan for coordination—points to taxa-specific plans --Look at Noxious Weed and ANS plans for guidance on formatting</p> <p>--Each agency is producing noxious weed plan—need consistency among plans and with IS framework</p> <p>Identify audience to make sure the plan will be implemented.</p> <p>Create synergies between agencies and not recreate the wheel. Create the glue that coordinates the work that has already been accomplished</p> <p>Members like simplicity of ID and WI plan, straight forwardness, concise goals</p> <p>Most members leaning towards WI plan model with customization for Montana</p> <p>May consider forming subcommittees for each category in framework</p> <p>RFP Committee—Dave, Virgil, Executive Committee</p> <p>ACTION: RFQ, timeline, and Criterion by June 3 Important to have an outside perspective—independent contractor Criteria</p>

	<p>--broad invasive species background</p> <p>--writing ability</p> <p>--planning experience</p> <p>Provide high-level framework for contractor—they fill in details</p> <p>Do we want to dictate the process for framework development?--yes</p> <p>Send RFQ draft to group</p> <p>Other gaps in outreach efforts:</p> <p>Tribal outreach—town hall meetings</p> <p>Floyd—tribal coordinator help with outreach</p> <p>Agriculture</p> <p>Stockgrowers</p> <p>Water users Associations</p> <p>Conservation Districts</p>
Other	<p>Reduce Risk from Invasive Species Award</p> <p>Dan Williams, Lincoln County</p> <p>Potential speaker for upcoming meeting—Oregon Department of Ag (gypsy moth). Schedule in fall with Gary</p> <p>Explore educational session for legislators about Invasive Species</p> <p>Consider calculating costs that have gone into Council so far, e.g. agency staff time, overhead, travel. (Steve W. time away from land)</p> <p>Need to reschedule July meeting. Stephanie to send out doodle poll.</p> <p>No public comment</p> <p>Motion to adjourn—Steve W.</p> <p>Seconded-Virgil</p> <p>Adjourned</p>

4. Action Items				
Action		Assigned	Due Date	Status
1	Send out budget detail update	Bryce	7/9/16	
2	Finalize Summit report and post	Stephanie	6/13/16	Done
3	Draft RFQ, timeline and criteria	RFQ subcommittee	6/3/16	Done
4	Send RFQ to members for review and input and release	Stephanie	6/10/16	Done
5	Schedule next meeting	Stephanie	7/9/16	Done