

Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Call: (712) 775-7031

Code: 828-106-736 as the call-in code. **10:00 a.m. - Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees:

Amy Gannon, Bryce Christiaens, Tom Smith, Chip Weber, Carol Bearden (proxy for Dave Burch), Floyd Thompson, Gary Adams, Jeff Baumberger, Lindy Garner, Patricia Gilbert, Steve Wanderaas, Steve Bekedam, Tom Boos, Virgil Dupuis, Lisa DeBruyckere, Stephanie Hester

10:05 a.m. – Administrative

☐ Review and Approval of minutes from January 20th

- Chip Weber—motion to approve minutes
- Steve Wanderaas—2nd
- Further discussion—none
- Vote--unanimous

☐ Budget/Grants update

- Budget in good shape to fund assessment and Summit
- Working on transfer of funds from Forest Svs
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation—Bryce meeting to discuss level of donation
- Received NWTF grant—10,000
- Received Western IPM grant—10,000
- DNRC grant received—in process

10:15 a.m. – Programmatic

☐ Invasive Species Assessment – Final Product Discussion

- Final version of assessment available
- How to promote?
 - Work with Governor's Office
 - We have a call into the Governor's Office
 - ACTION: discuss how office wants to promote
- Distributing report
 - Governor's office release
 - **Release via Bulletin—SH to do by end of week**
 - Beginning of bigger process
 - Work up blurb to announce—Work with Communications team
 - Release next couple of days

☐ Invasive Species Summit Discussion

o General Updates from subcommittee

- SH gave overview of Summit planning
- Discussion about facilitators. Send out another call for potential facilitators. Need a total of 5.
- Steve Wanderaas to ask Karl Christians.
- Need to finalize by end of week.

o Registrations/Who isn't registered that we need

- Bryce to follow-up with weed districts
- SH to send reminder email to council members

o Organization of breakout topics decision

- How to organize—prevention, EDRR, control, management vs. gaps
- Discussion about how to best organize break-out sessions
- Break-out sessions will include discussion on gaps and action planning
- Clarification—5 break-out groups—7-8 questions that deal with EDRR, Prevention, Management, E&O. Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday mid-morning to early afternoon
- Facilitators need to make sure to address general comments
- Motion: Steve Bekedam motion to structure break-outs based on identified gaps in report and develop accompanying questions for each gap category to solicit further discussion in break-out groups. Each question to be considered in light of EDRR, prevention, E&O, etc.
- Discussion: Need to refine draft questions that were sent out.
- Second: Steve W. seconded
- Passed.
- Send comments/edits to Exec. Committee and Lisa
- Will send draft of categories and questions to Council for feedback

Re-poll Council members on Meeting on April 14.

☐ Questions/Comments/Additions, Etc.

11:45 a.m. – Wrap-up and Adjourn

☐ Member action items

☐ Public Comment