

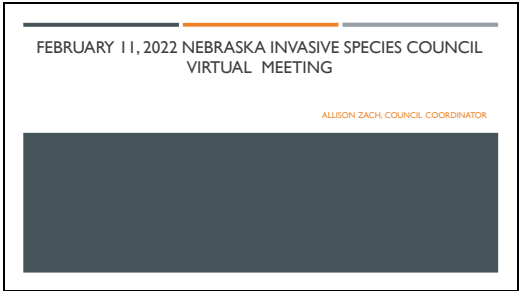
Nebraska Invasive Species Council (NISC) Meeting Notes

Virtual Meeting Date & Time: Friday, February 11, 2022, 10:00-11:30 AM (CDT)

- The meeting agenda was placed on the NISC webpage on 2/1/22
- I. **Council Coordinator Updates** (Allison Zach): **See attached Slides**
- Nebraska Invasive Species Council Logo: Allison will present renderings of new logo options at the April NISC virtual meeting
 - The 2023 [North American Invasive Species Management Association](#) (NAISMA) conference is scheduled for October 2023 in Lincoln, NE 2023. Allison Zach be in touch for that planning process
 - Invasive Species Legislation (see attached slides)
- II. **Council Member Updates** (including invasive species Education/Outreach, Prevention, Management, Research or Other Initiatives):
- Kristopher Stahr (Nebraska Game and Parks Commission)-He will be giving a report to the National Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force regarding the crayfish he found at [Petcos](#) in NE & IA. Petcos in Nebraska will no longer sell red swamp crayfish. He has posted position openings for 7 aquatic invasive species inspectors-You can review the openings [here](#) & [here](#)
 - Brent Meyer (NE Weed Control Authority (NWCA)) there will be a NWCA training [March 30-31, 2022 in Norfolk, NE](#)
 - Kim Todd (UNL Extension) [UNL Backyard Farmer](#) (BYF) BYF is having its 70th Birthday! Please email Kim with ideas for BYF segments or specific topics to have on BYF. BYF's [Digging Dipper](#) will begin April 6, 2022
 - Cindy Stuefer-Powell-(USDA APHIS Nebraska) Her [SITC work](#) will likely pick up. She is still receiving seeds from people that received unsolicited seeds. The new State Plant Health Director is DR. Craig Webb and the Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist is Mr. David Nielsen
 - Justin King (Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD)) Nebraska LB [1015](#) heard testimony yesterday. The National invasive species committee ended in 2019 and now taking nominations to the Committee currently not a lot at NPPD

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PLANNING NEEDS

- a. UNL Centers to involve in the conferences
- b. Field Trips
- c. Special Sessions
- d. Topics to highlight at conference

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Date	Action	Journal	Vote
Feb 08, 2022	Notice of hearing for February 16, 2022	315	
Jan 11, 2022	Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee	Referring (LR 908)	
Jan 10, 2022	Date of introduction	252	

- New Bill to Allow Virtual

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LB805

Change provisions relating to prioritization of applications and intent to appropriate funds under the Noxious Weed Control Act

Date	Action	Journal	Vote
Jan 18, 2022	Hearing for		
Jan 10, 2022	Referred to Agriculture Committee	232	
Jan 06, 2022	Date of introduction	197	

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INVASIVE SPECIES RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- **Compile lists of regulated species**
- **Identify Knowledge Gaps**
- **Determine Decision Making Process**
 - What species do we need to research
 - What research is need for invasive species management

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RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT (RAWA)

1/3 of all U.S. wildlife species are already imperiled or are vulnerable—and nearly one million species worldwide are at risk of extinction

House Bill: H.R.2773 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021 (Introduced)

Senate Bill: S.2372 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021 (Introduced)

\$17 million (not finalized) annually for At Risk Species in NGPC's State Wildlife Grant

- Nebraska Legacy Plan
- Non-game species mainly
- Senate voted on it yesterday

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NEINVASIVES.COM



The screenshot shows the NEINVASIVES.COM website. At the top, there's a banner with the text "COME CLEAN. LEAVE CLEAN." and a sub-headline "Learn how you can stop the spreading of invasives on your next outdoor adventure." Below this, there are several article thumbnails with titles like "THE GREAT ESCAPE!", "CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT!", and "READY FOR THE WILDERNESS?". On the right side, there is a "Reporting Page" form with fields for Name, Email, and a dropdown menu for State. A "Submit" button is at the bottom of the form. The footer of the page says "Images: NeInvasives.com".

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