

## Nebraska Invasive Species Council (NISC) Meeting Notes

**Virtual Meeting Date & Time:** Friday, March 11, 2022, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (CDT)

**I. Featured Presenter:** Dr. Judy Wu-Smart **Topic:** Bee researcher sounded alarm on hazardous waste site near Mead, NE

**II. NISC Coordinator Updates** (Allison Zach) see attached slides

- North American Invasive Species Management Association Lincoln, NE September 2023 Annual Conference
- Invasive Species Legislative: Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)
  - The Senate bill had its mark up.
  - The initial roll out of RAWA if it passes would be 25% of the annual allocation in year 1, 50% of the total annual allocation in year 2 and 100% of allocation in year 3. This would allow states time for planning and implementation for RAWA
- NISC Website
- NISC Logo-Allison will have renderings of logos for the Council to view at the April NISC virtual meeting

**III. Council Member Updates** (including invasive species Education/Outreach, Prevention, Management, Research or Other Initiatives):

- Kristopher Stahr-currently hiring a total of 7 aquatic invasive species technicians. He recently attended a conference and learned about hybrid watermilfoil control options
- Ritch Nelson-the Great Plains Grasslands Initiative (GPGI) is underway. There are funds earmarked for the sandhills for GPGI work
- Brent Meyer-LB805 is a priority of the legislative ag committee and includes funding between 1-3 million. The Nebraska Director of Agriculture decided to revamp their regulations. This includes making an exemption for non-native phragmites in treatment plants
- Jeremy Gehle-current drought conditions are at 98% based on the Department of Natural Resources readings
- Mitch Coffin-Conducting seed sampling in labeled seed products to ensure their compliance in labeling.
- Julie Van Meter-Conducting seed potato inspections for nematodes. Also conducting nursery stock inspections. There was a recent spotted lanternfly (SLF) summit call. Julie suggested checking wild grapes for SLF for detection purposes. SLF has never been found in Nebraska to date
- Steven Jara-NE Forest Service is conducting tree workshops

**IV. Public Comment-no public comments were received at the meeting**

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### ■ NAISMA Conference

- Lincoln, NE @ The Cornhusker
- September 10/17/23-10/19/23
  - Field Trips on 10/20/23



- UNL Centers to involve in the conferences
- Field Trips
- Special Sessions
- Topics to highlight at conference

### NEBRASKA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL WEBSITE PLANNED UPDATES

- [NISC Website](#)
- Planned updates:
  - Member Bios & photos
  - Change to scrolling style on entire website



## 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

## NEINVASIVES.COM

The image shows a composite of two website screenshots. The left screenshot is a landing page with a banner that reads "COME CLEAN. LEAVE CLEAN." and "Learn how you can stop the spread of invasives on your next outdoor adventure." Below the banner are three species cards: "EMERALD ASH BORER" (Agrilus planipennis), "SPOTTED LANTERNFLY" (Lycophotia spumalis), and "ASIAN JUMPING WORM" (Amphispiza bilineata). Each card includes a description and buttons for "LEARN MORE" and "REPORT A SIGHTING". The right screenshot is a "Reporting Page" form with fields for "State", "Date", and "Time", and a "Report a sighting of the species here?" section.

Reporting Page

State:  Date:  Time:

Report a sighting of the species here?

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## OUTREACH MATERIALS



## 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:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2372?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S.2372%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>  
(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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## NISC MEMBER UPDATES

- **Invasive Species Initiatives Including:**

- Prevention
- Research
- Management
- Legislation/Regulations

- **Then Public Comments**