

Nebraska Invasive Species Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 **Time:** 10:00AM-12:00 PM

Location: Hardin Hall Room 901, 3310 Holdrege St. Lincoln, NE 68583, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

I. Featured Speakers:

- **Dave Tunink** Overview of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program

II. Coordinator Updates (Allison Zach)

- 2018 Boater Survey Results
- Plant ID Guide edits, the following species were added to the ID guide:
 - Absinth Wormwood
 - Autumn Olive
 - Callery Pear
 - Euonymus fortune
 - Garrison Foxtail
 - Japanese Hops
 - Japanese Stiltgrass
 - Narrowleaf Cattail
 - Palmer Amaranth
 - Perrenial Sowthistle
 - Tree-of-Heaven
 - White Mulberry
 - Yellow Flag Iris

III. Council Member Updates

- Cindy-USDA APHIS Director Shayne worked with forest service in western Nebraska to conduct pest workshops. Each workshop had 20 attendees and they discussed emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle. Cindy talked to weed control association on biocontrols for certain plant species. She found at Target a wall hanging tree decoration containing birch wood from china which is being pulled from shelves. She is looking for products from Sierra pacific crafts out of Oregon, after they found packages of bark from China, they found them at Mangelsons logs had bark on it were being sold and those were pulled from shelves. Garlic mustard, houndstongue and hoary cress biological control is close and will be available next year most likely.
- Mitch-there will never be a bio control for sericea lespedeza because it is a hay crop in the southern US.
- Dave-planning meeting next week with staff before he retires on December 31st. Game and parks will meet boat shops and give them information on how to correctly conduct watercraft decontaminations.
- Kim- Completing upsetting agronomy and horticulture curriculum-what are the threads of education that all our majors need and who is teaching what and what is invasive and what does that mean. Edible landscape class next semester will take the world map of heat zones and assign students a country within our zone and they research a plant that is edible political ethical implications of introducing, culture. Woody or perennial plants only.
- Julie- starting planning for 2019, project funding to do work on Japanese beetle biological control for the Omaha area-look at historic data from US to see if anything established and see if possible to do releases and do insectary. Western states are seeing increases-from a number of venues from nursery stock and airlines. The new state director was hired and his name is Dave and he came from the army where he worked on mosquitos and ticks. He did a survey with a lot of people (UMC, NGPC and Fontennel) doing tick species looking for new tick species. Did deer check surveys-and found at least one new species of tick. Getting firewood inspections-year round. USDA has proposed deregulation on emerald

ash borer comments closed. Forest services and nature conservancy opposed to it. February or March finalize decision. Anticipating it will be delisted in 6 months. NDA-will keep quarantine in place. Deregulating it because USDA can't keep funding it but would keep funding for bio controls in place. By deregulating states can come up with their own regs.

- Todd-NRDs are actively taking orders for trees-eastern redcedar is a hot topic and most counties are planting it. Big focus on educating land owners right tree right place education to landowners
- Mitch-Shayne (USDA APHIS) spoke for the county weed conference, at the session it has always been an agency update for federal and state agencies, Everyone talked about partnerships-all the state and federal agencies are working together. Doing a small program collecting bird seeds. Did this a few years ago so looking at that again. Birdseed is big-tractor supply for 50 lb bird seed. Hit a few places and looking more at the mixes commercially sold. Seed lot-in accurate, labeled as feed so can't get them for false labeling if birdseed is found to have restricted plant seeds in it.
- Gary- is retiring from position from council. Belongs to farm bureau and every monthly meeting he would update them on what was at the council. The city of Lincoln and Omaha (western side) are concerned about a drought situation where they will use up their water supply. Platte river and Loup river basin-provides them water-last Wednesday public info hearing on 5 proposals of bringing water into the lower platte river basin, some of it is interbasin transbasin diversion.
- Justin-Statewide arboreum-infrasturcutre plantings-a lot of times in community landscapes-use non native plants- look for group how get more native plants. Tree health-herbicide damage to trees-could discuss Dicamba use is increasing in use
- Chris- autumn olive-Omaha friend bought 9 acres and has a lot of it on it and it is being fed to the elephants at the Omaha zoo- the zoo crew gets it from their property to feed them.
 - Plant ID-nature conservancy-NRCS and Pheasants forever are asking for plant ID workshops-if your agency wants a training let Chris Helzer know- they can cater the workshop towards which ever plant species are of interest.

IV. The Next Meeting is January 11, 2019