



4-County CWMA Meeting

August 9th, 2017, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Multnomah County

Snacks and coffee were provided by East and West Multnomah SWCDs.

Attendees:

Angela Previdelli, East Multnomah SWCD
Beth Meyers-Shenai, ODA
Chelsea White-Brainard
Hillary Hunt, Watershed Resource Center
Jeff Lesh, Clackamas SWCD
Jon Wagner, East Multnomah SWCD
Laura Guderyahn, City of Portland
Lindesy Wise, INR-PSU, iMap Invasives
Lindsey Dekeyser, Sandy River Basin WC
Lucas Nipp, East Multnomah SWCD

Matt Paroulek, Port of Portland
Matthew Lee, Columbia Slough WC
Michelle Delepine, West Multnomah SWCD
Mitch Attig, Columbia Land Trust
Mitch Bixby, City of Portland
Sara Ennis, Sandy River Basin WC
Sarah Hamilton, 4-County CWMA
Vern Holm, Western Invasives Network
Whitney Bailey, East Multnomah SWCD

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

There is a Pull-Together planning meeting directly following this general meeting. Please join us!
The CWMA has several committees which welcome participation from all of our members!
The next general meeting will be on October 18th instead of the 11th, in Clark County.

Public Weed List

Jeff Lesh, WeedWise Specialist, Clackamas SWCD

The Mapping & Data committee has been working on developing a public weed list for the CWMA. This list is intended for partners to use and to distribute as needed. All plants on it have been publicly listed by partner organizations. The CWMA has developed ranks for most of these species. Rank designations are likely to change as we change the way we rank species. The benefit of the list is to help partners prioritize species when treating invasive plants. Jeff will add a page of partner listing organizations. If you are a partner and your list isn't on the CWMA list, contact Jeff. Email Sarah to get a copy of the list, or it will be available online very soon.

Umatilla Garlic Mustard Field Tour Presentation

Michelle Delepine, Invasive Species Program Coordinator, West Multnomah SWCD

The last OISC meeting was in Hermiston. Michelle took a tour of the first garlic mustard site in Oregon. with Teddy Orr, Umatilla County Weed Supervisor. The original infestation made its way from Immigrant Hill to the Umatilla River and into the Columbia River. It is very limited in the dry climate of the east side of the Cascade to moist seeps and upper elevations. Umatilla County is working on it, starting at the

- Technical Committee Mitch Bixby, City of Portland

Prioritization gleaned from the management plan are in the works. The technical committee is supporting the production and editing of the BMPs, the fact sheets, and the weed list. The herbicide discussion has died down a bit and may be revisited soon. The weed list will be clarified in the next year or 2.

We are 8 years past the last revision of the GardenSmart booklet. It should be updated in order to remain useful. Revisions will need to be done in collaboration with the Ed & Out. Committee. The booklet was produced with efforts from the CWMA, TNC, OAN, and Oregon Sea Grant. TNC will likely not be interested in participating as heavily in the revision. This topic will be explored more in December

- Working Group Updates
 - The Garlic Mustard Working Group had a poster at the British Columbia invasive plant conference

Multnomah County Updates and Partner Roundtable

- **City of Portland BES- Mitch Bixby, Botanic Specialist (ED/RR):** BES is continuing to find more goatsrue including an infestation along the trolley tracks in downtown Portland. It was already in seed at the time. It belongs to PBOT and gets mowed yearly. They were sprayed. The patch at PIR is smaller, but still extant. This is year 3 of management on that site. A couple of new patches of oblong spurge were found, including 1 near Council Crest. *Impatiens bicolor* is another plant of concern. BES is on year 5 of treatments. They visit the site 2-3 times a year, but there are always new flowers. New hogweed patches were found, including 1 in the Columbia Slough, but very little hogweed was found at old sites. *Sagittaria platyphylla* and *ludwigia* treatments and surveys are coming up.

They will be surveying from near Tigard to the confluence. The *ludwigia* work at smith and bybee. Blue heron wetlands *ludwigia* is also being managed. Handpulling *ludwigia*. Garlic mustard that flowered twice.

- **East Multnomah SWCD- Jon Wagner, Rural Conservation Specialist:** The SWCD works east of the urban growth boundary. The garlic mustard program started in 2008 with a containment zone in Corbett. They continue to target all known patches outside of Corbett, mostly east of the Sandy River. They treat at 241 properties outside of the containment area and 1 inside it. They control 235 gross acres of garlic mustard and they have seen success. From 2009-2013, they worked on 10 net acres. This year there was only 3 net acres needing treated. They are looking in to shrinking the containment zone by strategically bringing in the treatment area.

False brome treatments are being wrapped up now. It is their most successful weed control program. They are down to about 1% of the original population.

They are also treating knotweed. They prioritize riparian habitat and good upland habitat. There are 155 sites where they do control, but some sites they only visit every 2 years. The % cover has dropped in recent years, but the number of sites has increased.

In the winter they focus on clematis, ivy and spurge laurel. Ivy is heavily targeted from edge of the boundary to the Eagle Creek campground. They are working on around 2000 acres. There are small spurge laurel sites around bridal veil and Larch Mountain.

They are also thinking of starting work on some of the islands in the Columbia.

- **West Multnomah SWCD- Michelle Delepine, Invasive Species Program Coordinator:** They are treating up to 360 garlic mustard sites: about 2 net acres. They reached out to more sites this year. Next meeting they will have 2016-2017 weed reports to share. 1 new goatsrue site was traced to Clackamas Community College where it was given to students. They had no new orange hawkweed sites. 3 hogweed sites have been treated for a couple of seasons, and nothing was there this year. False Brome has been popping up in new spots on Abbey Creek, in small dispersal events. There was a Portland garlic mustard wrap up last week. They are planning a preseason meeting in the spring. They also released a purple loosestrife root weevil biocontrol in a few places this year including on Sauvie Island.
- **Sandy River Basin WC- Sara Ennis, Community Stewardship Coordinator:** The watershed council does a lot of work at the Sandy River Delta: they are working on a fee entrance to help maintain the site. They've cleared 1000 acres of blackberry this year, but treatments were delayed due to high water this spring. There has been some garlic mustard seen there. They are working on a 10 acre patch. In the Welches area they focus on policeman's helmet. The council works with Project YESS, a youth job-training and educational group. PH is rampant at the golf course, camp Arrah Wanna, and along the Salmon River.
- **Western Invasives Network- Vern Holm, Coordinator:** Western Invasives Network is a loose coalition of Cooperative Weed Management Areas. This fall the Oregon Dunes Cooperative Weed Management area was created, covering the dunes and beaches from Florence to Coos Bay. WIN has been working on the certification process for gravel and fill pits. The North Coast, Mid-Coast, and Upper Willamette CWMA's have shown interest. Inspections for the program will be done on a county by county basis. East side counties already do it. Ideally the entire state will eventually have weed-free gravel certification available. Vern is retiring in March. If there is anyone interested in learning about his position which will be opening up, contact Vern.
- **ODA- Beth Meyers-Shenai, IWM Coordinator and Education Outreach Specialist:** ODA received additional funding for the grant program specific to counties and entities that do weed work within counties. It will be a pool of competitive grant money for on the ground work. This lottery money will not be used for administration costs. ODA does have a biocontrol and entomologist

position open. Thanks to everyone that advocated for the ODA at the last legislative budget meeting! In recent research on tansy, 89% of the seed travels less than 5 meters from the main plant, so it doesn't tend to travel quickly. The state fair is coming up. If you are interested in staffing the table, contact Beth. They will be at the state fairgrounds in Salem on August 28th to Sept 1. ODA has a customer service survey which is open. Beth will send it to Sarah to distribute. Last year garden yellow loosestrife was found on Grand Island. It was treated and there was way less this year. This is the only known infestation, so keep an eye out for the source. They treated it with imazapyr. Beth is working with the weeds program full-time and scrambling to catch up. If you are working on A rated weeds, ODA can help! Contact Beth.

11:50 Meeting Adjourns

Next CWMA General Meeting

October 18th 2017, Clark County

**Note the change of date to accommodate the OVMA Annual Conference in Seaside.