The Mission of the NY Invasive Species Council is to foster collaboration and coordination among State agencies, the New York Invasive Species Advisory Committee, and stakeholders across the State to minimize the harm caused by invasive species to New York’s environment, economy, and human health.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council Members (9 agencies)
FROM: Joshua Thiel, Invasive Species Coordination Section Chief
RE: IS Council Meeting # 35; October 18, 2018
DATE: October 31, 2018

NYS IS Council met on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at DAM headquarters, 10B Airline Drive, Albany NY. Seven Council agencies were present, thereby meeting the 2/3 quorum for decision-making.

ISC Representatives Present: Also Present from Council Agencies:
Justin Perry, DEC, Co-Chair Dave Adams, DEC
Chris Logue, DAM, Co-Chair Willow Eyres, DEC
Kathy Regan, APA Joshua Thiel, DEC
Peter Dunleavy, DOT Thom Allgaier, DAM
John Wimbush, DOS Emma Antolos, DEC
Janet Zuckerman, OPRHP Greg Ernst, DOT
Shelley Trepess Alexandra van Bieberstein, DOT
Karen Feldman, APA
Liz Moran, Ecologic LLC
Tony Eallonardo, O’Brien & Gere

Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:
Meg Wilkinson, Natural Heritage Program
Audrey Bowe, Cornell University/ Invasive Species Research Institute
Renee St. Jacques, New York Farm Bureau/ ISAC Chair

Present from Public: none

Open Discussion – Justin Perry discussed his designation as co-chair of the Council and that it was temporary pending DEC Executive appointment sometime in the future.

Justin Perry talked of the need to having each Council representative being a named designee, as required by statute, so that motions could be voted upon, e.g. the IS Management Plan. The Council discussed and agreed to pursue a formal designee from their agencies.

Chris Loque introduced Thom Allgaier as the newly hired DAM IS Coordinator

ISC Meeting #34 Summary – Dave Adams (1 Handout: Meeting #34 Summary). ISC accepted summary as presented, noting John Wimbush was not present at the June 28 meeting.
**IS Management Plan** – Tony Eallonardo provided a presentation summarizing the status of the Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan (ISCMP). All Agencies had received the draft/final prior to this meeting. Tony summarized the response to comments. Public comments were largely positive. The most significant change following public comment was modification in the ISCMP removing certain language pertaining to deer management programs. There was a comment and discussion by John Wimbush of the difference between resiliency and resistance as used in the ISMP. Based upon this issue and a general interest by the Council, it was agreed to accept final agency comments until Nov. 1. Also, it was agreed upon to delay adoption of the ISCMP until the next ISC meeting to address any final edits and allow for voting agency designees to be named.

**Invasive Species Awareness Week** – Emma Antolos provided a presentation summarizing this years ISAW. In 2018 ISC, ISAC, PRISMs and partners hosted 172 events over the course of 7 days (up 21 events from 2017).

(standardized outreach material dropped from agenda due to time constraints)

**Spotted Lantern Fly** – Willow Eyres provided a presentation outlining the biology and status of spotted lantern fly

**iMapInvasives Updates** – Meg Wilkinson provided the Council members with iMapInvasives Database updates. iMap3 is scheduled for roll out in 2019. It was suggested that treatment areas could be added to iMap as a survey option. Improvements have been made to the bulk upload functionality.

**Invasive Species Research Institute Update** – Audrey Bowe provided an update and one handout regarding Invasive Species Research Institute initiatives. Cornell In-service is on Nov. 13-15. NYISRI has interns working on BMP guides (with a segment on BMPs at In-service). Research Projects Updates, including Swallow-wort biocontrol/ hypena releases. The North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) will hold its annual conference in Saratoga Springs NY in 2019.

**ISAC Update** – Renee St. Jacques provided update on ISAC. The last meeting was held October 10, 2018 at Saratoga State Park and was summarized. One handout of ISAC annual report. The Council deferred approval of the annual report until voting members named. Chris Logue explained the delay in a Council response to the ISAC ‘call to action’ letter. A correspondence from DEC/DAM is most likely.

**Agency Updates** – Council member agencies provided updates as follows:


2) OPRHP – Boat stewards conducted 25188 inspections at 28 launches from Memorial day to Labor Day. Saratoga and Freeman are 2 new sites. SUNY ESF under MOU will manage stewards for OPRHP. 4 strike teams are organized. Hemlock Wooly Adelgid treatments for 2018 totaled 30K inches. Spotted Lantern Fly surveys are being conducted at state parks. Use of goats are being used on Long Island for control of Miscanthus sp.
3) DOT – The new Exit 18/Glens Falls rest area was opened with a boat wash station. Sheds and decon units still to be purchased. Federal funds for biocontrol increased by 350K to 750K total.

4) APA – Kathy Regan replaces Ed Snizek on the Council. Karen Feldman is acting chair of APA. APA has a focus on planning and carrying capacity.

5) DOS – 5 EPF grants for invasive species meeting Local Waterfront Revitalization Program goals. In western NY grants for sustainable shorelines.

6) DEC – DEC repealed EAB ash quarantine regulations. Exit 29/Frontier Town boat wash station was completed and opened. A new DEC Research Scientist position specializing in aquatic invasive species will be hired. Willow Eyres (Invasive Species Management and Response Coordinator) has taken another position at DEC. A replacement to this position will be filled. DEC will offer a second round of invasive species management grants with categories for Spread Prevention, ED/RR, Lake Management Plans and Research. A DEC intern has finalized a school age science curriculum encompassing invasive species. An invasive species film documentary is in progress. Ag & Mkts doing likewise for Part 141. 54 public comments received during the Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan public comment period. Contractor working with DEC to address comments. ISAW 2018 planned for July 8-14. Spotted Lanternfly collaborations with Council members sought.

7) Thruway Authority – EAB damage assessment shave been conducted along Thruway corridors. Ash tree loss is extensive and advice is sought in removing trees.

Public updates – none

Wrap Up – Next ISC meeting was tentatively set for Dec. 11 with a location TBD.