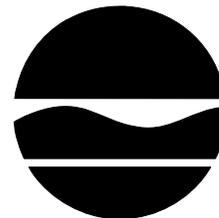


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Steve Sanford
RE: March 19 Meeting Notes

DATE: 31 March 2010

The 7th Meeting of the New York Invasive Species Council was held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters on Friday, March 19. Seven (6 voting) of the 9 member agencies were represented:

Jackie Moody-Czub, Co-Chair, DAM
Chris Amato, DEC, Co-Chair, DEC
Dan Hitt, DOT
John Wimbush, DOS
Pam Otis, OPRHP
Dan Spada, APA
Chris Adriance, Canals (non-voting)

Also present from agencies were:

Kevin King, DAM
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
Leslie Surprenant, DEC (OISC)
Dave Adams, DEC (OISC)
Eric Kasza, DEC (OISC)
Steve Sanford, DEC (OISC)

The Council was joined by several members from the New York Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Chuck O'Neill, NYISAC Chair, New York Sea Grant
Troy Weldy, The Nature Conservancy
Hilary Smith, TNC / Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program
Meg Modley, Lake Champlain Basin Program

The Council worked its way through the Agenda as planned. Following are some of the key discussion points and deliverables:

1. Draft List Report

The Council reviewed a draft of the “Public Review Draft” version of “A Regulatory System for Non-native Species.” Council members suggested several revisions and subsequently voted unanimously to support the release of the version once modified. Also, each agency agreed to review the draft with their executive offices and to report back by COB Tuesday, March 23.

The Council is hoping to conduct public review such that a Final Report could be voted on at the next Council meeting and then transmitted to the Governor and Legislature as required.

2. Advisory Committee

New York Sea Grant’s Chuck O’Neill, who replaced Jim Hood as Chair of the Advisory Committee, reported on recent activities of the Committee. He described two letters from the Committee to the Council, Governor’s Office and Legislature. The first urged that the rate of spending the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) resources appropriated for invasive species be improved. He cited the current suspension of the Invasive Species Research Institute as especially regrettable. The second letter recommended that the Advisory Committee itself not be dissolved through the SFY 2010-11 budget process.

Mr. O’Neill also mentioned that the appointment of newest replacement member of the Committee, Mike Mitchell representing the flower growers, had not yet been approved through the vetting process. We anticipate this will be resolved shortly.

Finally, Chuck introduced the topic of the “boat transport white paper”.

3. Boat Transport White Paper

Meg Modley, Aquatic Nuisance Coordinator for the Lake Champlain Basin Program, presented the report of a sub-team the Advisory Committee had tasked to explore the issue of regulating the movement of aquatic invasives on boats. The Advisory Committee had consensus recommendation on 7 points but did not achieve consensus on 2 points, those relating to fees and “stickers”. The Council discussed the transport law and thanked and praised the Advisory Committee for their excellent work in developing the white paper. They deferred formal acceptance of the document until their next meeting. In the meantime, the Council will discuss via e-mail how to convey their support, in whole or in part, to the Governor and Legislature.

4. Budget & Spending

Steve Sanford presented a brief summary of both spending and the SFY 2010-11 budget. With respect to spending, substantial progress has been made on all items. The requisite Attachment As have been received for: the 3 “older” PRISMs: LIISMA, CRISP, SLELO

as well as for the contract with Cooperative Extension for a comprehensive outreach program. The Research Institute is closer to resuming its contractual relationship and activities. The IFB (Invitation for Bid) for the 4 “younger” PRISMS has not progressed but is expected to move again after the first of the State Fiscal Year (1 April 2010). Finally, Kevin King reported that the Comprehensive Management Plan contractual issues had been resolved and work should begin shortly.

5. Next Meeting

Co-Chairs Moody-Czub and Amato will schedule Meeting # 8 about 10 days after the close of the “list report’s” public comment period. May 25 or 26 were offered as potential dates. A “Doodle Poll” inquiry for available dates will be e-mailed soon.

Potential agenda items discussed include:

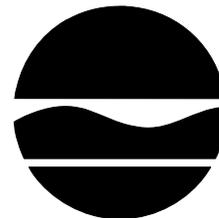
- Public comments/potential revisions re list report
- Boat transport legislative recommendations
- Budget

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Steve Sanford
RE: May 26 Meeting Notes

DATE: 3 June 2010

The 8th Meeting of the New York Invasive Species Council was held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters on Wednesday, May 26. Seven of the 9 member agencies were represented:

Jackie Moody-Czub, Co-Chair, DAM
Chris Amato, DEC, Co-Chair, DEC
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
John Wimbush, DOS (by phone)
Pam Otis, OPRHP
Dan Spada, APA
Howard Goebel, Canals

Also present from Council agencies were:

Kevin King, DAM
Scott Kappeller, DOT
Leslie Surprenant, DEC (OISC)
Dave Adams, DEC (OISC)
Eric Kasza, DEC (OISC)
Steve Sanford, DEC (OISC)

The Council was joined by members from the New York Invasive Species Advisory Committee:

Chuck O'Neill, NYISAC Chair, New York Sea Grant
Troy Weldy, The Nature Conservancy
Charles Scheer, New York Farm Bureau

Representatives from E&E, the firm contracted (in process) to complete Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan, attended the full meeting:

Rick Morse
Peter Feinberg
Paul Fuhrmann

Others in attendance included:

David J. Decker, P. E., Lake George Watershed Coalition
Laura Bavarro, The Nature Conservancy
Nicole Willis, New York Farm Bureau
David Linehan, NYS Nursery and Landscape Association

The Council worked its way through the Agenda as planned. Following are some of the key discussion points and deliverables:

1. Housekeeping

The meeting began with a welcome from our DOT host, Peter Dunleavy, with the usual housekeeping information. Next, the Agenda was reviewed with no comment. The minutes (March 19 Meeting Notes memorandum from SJS) from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously without revision.

2. Public Comments

Four individuals spoke during the opening public comment period.

Troy Weldy from the Nature Conservancy recommended that the Council interact with the Advisory Committee (AC) during Council meetings.

Dave Linehan from the NYS Nursery and Landscape Association suggested that both “sell” and “possess” need further clarification in the “list report”. He also suggested that the Invasiveness Assessment form include distribution information about ecoregions or habitat types within each PRISM’s area.

Nicole Willis from New York Farm Bureau recommended that 1) the AC have a formal role in the regulatory process and 2) the AC have a place on the agenda at each Council meeting. She also recommended that the Socio-economic Assessment be completed prior to the preliminary determination of regulatory status.

Laura Bavarro asked whether all public comments will be received and how responses will be handled.

3. Draft List Report

A draft “Final Report: A Regulatory System for Non-native Species” was prepared to reflect comments received during the formal public comment period, which ran from

March 31 through May 14. The Council reviewed the proposed revisions and supported most as proposed. They did suggest further refinements to the Listing Process diagram. The report will also clarify that the Assessment Team will consist of DEC and DAM, and other Council members will be invited to participate in the process if desired. It was determined that DEC will serve as the Team Leader of the Invasiveness Assessment and DAM will serve as the Team Leader of the Socio-Economic Assessment. The Council members subsequently voted unanimously to support the release of the version once modified. The Council also voted unanimously to support the proposed Responsiveness Summary with revisions about 1) a statutory goal of promulgating the initial lists within one year of receiving the authority and 2) a process for amending lists. After discussion about the potential cost of eradication in the assessment process, the Council determined to retain it in the socio-economic assessment with the current qualitative (e.g., high, medium, low) valuation. Finally, the Council voted unanimously to transmit the Final Report (revised as above) via letter from the Co-Chairs to the Governor and Legislature as required.

4. Boat Legislation

The Council reviewed a draft bill, a draft transmittal from the Council to the Governor and Legislature, a background document prepared by OISC, and the “white paper” presented at Meeting # 7 by the Advisory Committee. After much discussion about relationship to other laws, potential loopholes, and injunctive relief, the Council decided to table the matter and to review a revised bill soon. Final deliberations will be planned for the next Council meeting.

5. Comprehensive Management Plan

Kevin King introduced the contractors, Ecology & Environment, who will be completing Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan process; Phase 1 will develop a framework for a Plan. Although the contract has not been fully executed, we anticipate receiving formal notice soon. Paul Fuhrmann presented an overview of their approach.

The Council then considered a draft charge to a Council-Advisory Committee “work team” that would work closely with E&E to ensure successful completion of Phase 1. The Council voted unanimously to support the charge with the provision that the description of the scope of work from the original RFP be appended to the charge.

6. Budget & Spending

Steve Sanford presented a brief summary of spending. Contracts with the 3 “older” PRISMs (LIISMA, CRISP, SLELO) and the contract with Cooperative Extension for a comprehensive outreach program are near to final execution and the Research Institute is closer to resuming its contractual relationship and activities. The IFB (Invitation for Bid) for the 4 “younger” PRISMS has progressed after an 18-month delay. Discussion of the SFY 2010-11 was deferred until future Council meetings in light of the apparent budget stalemate and the resulting uncertainties. [Note: Subsequent to the Council meeting, on 28 May 2010, the EPF budget was enacted.]

7. Public Comment

Two individuals spoke during the closing public comment period. Troy Weldy from the Nature Conservancy thanked the Four-tier Team for the work on the Report. He also recommended that the AC have a slot on all future Council meetings. AC Chair Chuck O'Neill supported the latter idea.

8. Wrap-up

The Council asked to hear presentations at future meetings from the recipients of funding approved by the Council; the presentations would provide a more detailed report on progress for at least one item on the implementation list.

Meeting # 9 will be scheduled to:

- a. complete the deliberations on the boat transport legislation
- b. review SFY 10-11 Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) Cash Management Plan

A "Doodle Poll" inquiry for available dates will be e-mailed soon.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Steve Sanford
RE: July 15 - Meeting # 9 Notes

DATE: 21 July 2010

The 9th Meeting of the New York Invasive Species Council was held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters on Thursday, July 15. Seven of the 9 member agencies were represented:

Jackie Moody-Czub, Co-Chair, DAM
Chris Amato, DEC, Co-Chair, DEC
Shelah LaDuc, DOT
John Wimbush, DOS
Pam Otis, OPRHP
Ed Snizek, APA
Howard Goebel, Canals

Also present from Council agencies were:

Kevin King, DAM
Scott Kappeller, DOT
Leslie Surprenant, DEC (OISC)
Dave Adams, DEC (OISC)
Eric Kasza, DEC (OISC)
Steve Sanford, DEC (OISC)

Hilary Smith, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (Advisory Committee member)
Rick Morse, E&E, contractor for Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan,

Meg Wilkinson, NY Natural Heritage Program, iMap contractor
Jennifer Dean, NY Natural Heritage Program, iMap contractor

The Council worked its way through the Agenda as planned. Following are some of the key discussion points and deliverables:

1. Housekeeping

The meeting began with the usual housekeeping information. Next, the Agenda was reviewed with no comment. The minutes (May 26 Meeting Notes memorandum from SJS) from the previous meeting were

adopted unanimously without revision.

2. Public Comments

One individual spoke during the opening public comment period. Hilary Smith (APIPP) recommended that the Council consider several aspects of the proposed Aquatic Invasive Species bill.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species/Boat Legislation

The Council revisited the draft bill. First, after discussion, the Council voted 6-1 in favor of raising penalties for second and third offenses to \$250 and \$1000 respectively. Next, after discussion on a variety of topics, the Council voted unanimously to table the matter until the Council could consider text changes regarding the potential expansion of the regulated activities to include leaving a launch site. OISC staff will consult with DEC Legislative Affairs staff to address some other minor points in the text, including the definition of watercraft, and the intentional transportation of plants and animals in 3.d. Council members will share thoughts on the bill via e-mail over the next two months and plan for final adoption at the next Council meeting.

4. List Legislation

The Council reviewed a draft bill that has been prepared as a follow-up to the *Final Report: A Regulatory System for Non-native Species*, which was transmitted to the Governor and Legislature in late June 2010. Kevin King reviewed the text with the Council. The subsequent discussion identified a few items for potential revision, including: adding aquarium businesses to Agriculture & Markets Law Section 149-c, 1; revising the definition of possess and possession in Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Section 9-1703 (11); clarifying pre-emption text in 9-1715 (2); and expanding the types of restoration in ECL 71-1707 (1). The Council specifically agreed to raise the penalties in ECL 71-1701 (1) with monetary fines for a first offense. A revised version will be distributed soon for review. Council members will: share the revised bill with agency counsel and program staff; provide thoughts on the bill via e-mail to all Council members over the next two months; and plan for final adoption at the next Council meeting.

5. Advisory Committee

Although Chairman O'Neill and Alternate Weldy were unable to attend this meeting, AC member Hilary Smith has been tracking participation by AC members; the AC will work with OISC to develop a recommendation to the Council regarding future AC membership. Ms. Smith also advised the Council that the current DEC baitfish regulations were currently being reviewed for potential changes. Finally, she asked the Council for issues that the AC could potentially explore and provide advice to the Council. Ideas discussed briefly included: assessment of existing educational resources viz. invasive species and assessing the ecological threats posed by Asian Carp. Pam Otis discussed the need for Best Management Practices (BMPs) for projects that pose an invasive species threat, such as powerline right-of-way development and maintenance. Sanford offered to share a summary of General Permit conditions that OISC/DEC is preparing ; it will likely be available in late August.

6. Feral Swine Management

USDA Wildlife Services Specialist Justin Gansowski summarized the work his organization has been conducting throughout the winter and spring. The work was supported with EPF Invasive Species funds from SFY 09-10. The presentation (attached), summarized extensive surveillance and outreach and some limited control efforts.

7. Budget & Spending

Steve Sanford presented a brief summary of Cash Management Plan for EPF-Invasive Species. A total of \$2,976,807 is available for disbursement in SFY 2010-11. This includes \$2,117,090 to satisfy “encumbered projects” (existing obligations) and \$859,000 for “committed projects”, contracts which have been in development but are not yet fully executed.

Kevin King presented the initial schedule for completing Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan process. It will begin with the development of a questionnaire that will be used for carefully-targeted recipients beginning in mid-August.

8. Public Comment

Hilary Smith thanked the Council for their consideration of the issues she raised relating to the aquatic invasive species bill.

9. Wrap-up

Meeting # 10 will be scheduled, potentially in September, to:

- a. complete the deliberations on the aquatic invasive species/boat legislation;
- b. complete the deliberations on the list legislation;
- c. hear a detailed progress report on, potentially, the Clean Stock research; and
- d. report on OPRHP work on Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Finger Lakes

A “Doodle Poll” inquiry for available dates has been e-mailed soon.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Leslie Surprenant
RE: 30 September - Meeting # 10 Notes

DATE: 7 October 2010

The 10th Meeting of the New York Invasive Species Council was held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters, 50 Wolf Rd in Albany, NY on Thursday, September 30. Seven of the 9 member agencies were represented:

Jackie Moody-Czub, Co-Chair, DAM
Chris Amato, DEC, Co-Chair, DEC
Shelah LaDuc, DOT
John Wimbush, DOS
Pam Otis, OPRHP
Ed Snizek, APA
Howard Goebel, Canals

Also present from Council agencies were:

Kevin King, DAM
Peter Dunleavy, DOT
Leslie Surprenant, DEC (OISC)
Dave Adams, DEC (OISC)
Eric Kasza, DEC (OISC)
Alyssa Reid, (OPRHP)
Sarah Travalio, OPRHP
Andrea Yip, (DOT)

Present from non-Council organizations and public:

Troy Weldy, The Nature Conservancy (Alternate Chair Advisory Committee)
Hilary Smith, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (Advisory Committee member)
Meg Modley, Lk Champlain Basin Program

Meg Wilkinson, NY Natural Heritage Program, iMap contractor
Jim Griffis, E&E, Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan contractor

The Council worked its way through the Agenda as planned. Following are some of the key discussion points and deliverables:

1. Housekeeping

The meeting began with the usual housekeeping information. Next, the Agenda was reviewed with no comment. The minutes (July 16 Meeting Notes memorandum from SJS) from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously without revision.

2. Public Comments

Two individuals spoke during the opening public comment period. Meg Modley updated the group regarding rapid response actions for the recently discovered Asian clam infestation in Lake George. Meg identified two key hurdles in proceeding with pilot and potential full scale treatments using benthic barrier mats: funding and permitting. APA general permit has been issued. Troy Weldy indicated TNC has committed \$10K to the effort.

Troy Weldy commented on the proposed invasive species list bill. He suggested the bill should contain language that prohibits state funds from being spent on plants on the regulated list.

Several individuals mentioned and group discussed new finds since the last ISC meeting: Spiny Water Flea in Sacandaga Lk, EAB in 6 new counties, and Didymo in a tributary to W. Branch Delaware R headwaters, Asian Longhorned Beetle in Brooklyn, plum pox virus (slight expansion of existing)

ACTION ITEM: Kevin King will send EAB quarantine update to ISC members.

3. Aquatic Invasive Species/Boat Legislation

The Council discussed. Shelah LaDuc made motion (Ed Snizek 2nd) to accept as amended since 16 July ISC meeting. ISC voted 7-0 in favor of the bill. Pam Otis made motion (Harold Goebel 2nd) to transmit the bill to the Governor and Legislature (Environmental Conservation committees), pending ISC review of transmittal letter. Ed Snizek asked the record reflect APA concerns that the bill does not adequately address overland transport and should do so through specific reference.

ACTION ITEM: Leslie Surprenant (or Chris Amato?) will prepare transmittal letter and route to ISC for review/approval.

4. List Legislation

The Council reviewed and discussed draft bill that has been prepared as a follow-up to the *Final Report: A Regulatory System for Non-native Species*, which was transmitted to the Governor and Legislature in late June 2010. Discussion identified two items for revision as follows: revising Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Section 9- 1703 (4) (c) correcting and clarifying text related to listed regulated species (following consultation with DEC and DAM attorneys during break) and Agriculture and Markets Law Section 149-c (5) to remove “promotion” of IS compensation fund. Jackie Moodie-Czub made motion (Ed Snizek 2nd) to accept the proposed bill as amended since 16 July ISC meeting. ISC voted 7-0 in favor of the bill. Chris Amato (Pam Otis 2nd) made motion to transmit the bill to the Governor and Legislature (Environmental Conservation committees), pending ISC review of transmittal letter.

ACTION ITEM: Leslie Surprenant (or Chris Amato?) will prepare transmittal letter and route to ISC for

review/approval.

5. Advisory Committee

Alternate Troy Weldy and OISC IS Management Coordinator Leslie Surprenant presented results of PRISM conference call survey, reiterating the importance of the PRISMs and this communication tool. Group discussed potential next tasks for ISAC including vector analysis, cataloging existing education-outreach, science-based threat assessments of invasive species including Asian carp in cooperation with NY IS Research Institute. Due to low (or no) meeting attendance by several members and the importance of regular participation to effectively serve the ISC, the OISC has recommended the ISC consider representation by new members and/or organizations (consistent with ECL Title 17). Kevin King and Jackie Moodie-Czub are reaching out to potential representatives. Troy Weldy suggested a rotation of leadership among Agriculture/Industry, Environmental NGOs, and Academic/Local Government which would require a bylaw change in ISAC. Troy indicated the ISAC should meet (or conference call) so membership can be updated on ISC activities. OISC has very limited funds to support travel.

6. Clean Stock Pilot

Marc Fuchs was not available for this update. This will be an agenda item for a future (next?) ISC meeting.

7. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in Finger Lakes

Sarah Travaglio and Alyssa Reid presented on surveys of HWA in Treman and Watkins Glen State Parks that was funded by EPF through DEC. WG SP is experiencing a more severe infestation than TSP. Presenters recommend chemical treatment (persists 5-7 yrs). OPRHP is investigating the potential release of HWA predator beetles (scientific name *Laricobius nigrinus*) as a biocontrol agent.

8. Public Comment

Troy thanked the ISC for addressing two important invasive species pathways by approving the draft AIS and List bills.

9. Wrap-up

Meeting # 11 will be scheduled, potentially in December, to:

- a. hear a detailed progress report on, potentially, the Clean Stock research
- b. other topics TBA

A “Doodle Poll” inquiry for available dates will be e-mailed soon.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Invasive Species Council
FROM: Leslie Surprenant
RE: 1 December - Meeting # 11 Notes

DATE: 8 December 2010

The 11th Meeting of the New York Invasive Species Council was held at the Department of Environmental Conservation headquarters, 625 Broadway in Albany, NY on Wednesday, December 1. Five of the 9 member agencies were represented:

Jackie Moody-Czub, Co-Chair, DAM
Chris Amato, DEC, Co-Chair, DEC
John Wimbush, DOS
Pam Otis, OPRHP
Howard Goebel, Canals

Also present from Council agencies were:

Kevin King, DAM
Leslie Surprenant, DEC (OISC)
Dave Adams, DEC (OISC)
Bruce Williamson, DEC (Div of Lands and Forests)
Shaun Keeler, DEC (Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources)
Patricia Reixinger, DEC (Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources)

Present from non-Council organizations and public:

Chuck O'neill, NYS Sea Grant / Cornell University (Chair IS Advisory Committee)
Hilary Smith, Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (Advisory Committee member)
Meg Wilkinson, NY Natural Heritage Program, iMap contractor
Rick Morse, E&E, Phase 1 of the Comprehensive Management Plan contractor
Marc Fuchs, Cornell University

The Council worked its way through the Agenda as planned. Following are some of the key discussion points and deliverables:

1. Housekeeping

The meeting began with the usual housekeeping information. Next, the Agenda was reviewed with no comment. The minutes (October 1 Meeting Notes memorandum from LJS) from the previous meeting were adopted unanimously with the meeting date corrected.

Chris announced staffing changes to the OISC: Eric Kasza transferred to DEC's Northville office to work on Forest Preserve plans and Leslie Surprenant has been appointed to OISC director. OISC will be working to fill Eric's former position.

2. Public Comments

No public comment

3. Clean Stock Pilot

Marc Fuchs presented a PPT on the 2005 - 2008 clean stock pilot (CSP) results for grape imports. The goal of CSP is to test an alternative to the costly 3-year process currently in place to verify disease-free status of nursery stock after stock is imported to US (grape in first phase; small fruits to follow.) The pilot resulted in 1500 virus-free grape vines being imported, tested and released for further propagation and sale. Disease testing is in collaboration with the source country in a facility demonstrating good sanitary practice and certification of disease-free status prior to import. Next steps may be to implement the CSP through certification of the stocks to provide "foundation blocks" of clean stock for propagation and sale by nursery operators.

4. Baitfish Regulations

Shaun Keeler discussed the emergency baitfish transport regulations established in 2006 following outbreaks of viral hemorrhagic septicemia-induced fish kills. VHS likely arrived in ship ballast water and spread through bait fish commerce and transport. Current regulations require baitfish be certified disease free prior to sale, prohibit overland transport of uncertified bait, and require baitfish taken by anglers to be used in the same water body (defined in reg) from which they are taken with no overland transport. Anglers, particularly in western NY, have pressed for some relaxation of the overland transport prohibition. DEC Bureau of Fisheries (BOF) has conducted 3 stakeholder meetings and 2 internal video conferences to solicit stakeholder input. Three potential changes have been considered: permit overland transport in 1 limited corridor; permit overland transport in a few limited corridors; remove overland transport restriction. Any change made, if any, will occur only if good compliance is expected. Regardless of the outcome, the restriction requiring baitfish taken by anglers must be used in the same water body.

5. Implementation Updates

Kevin, Leslie, Meg, Hilary and Chuck updated the ISC on progress toward implementing ISTF recommendations through contracts with partners. The Comprehensive IS Management Plan survey is complete and the work group will convene via conference call on 17 December. Contracts with Cornell University for statewide IS education and outreach and with the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development for the Catskills PRISM were finalized since the last ISC meeting. Leslie provided a table with implementation elements and progress.

Chuck requested, and ISC approved, ISC meeting minutes, draft bills and other products may be posted on the Clearinghouse website.

Websites: Clearinghouse: <http://nyis.info/> ; NY IS Research Institute: <http://nyisri.org/>
iMapInvasives: <http://imapinvasives.org/> APIPP: <http://www.adkinvasives.com/>

Additionally, a document developed by Eric Kasza titled “*Rapid Response Framework for Invasive Species*” was shared with ISC. This document can aid resource managers in responding to newly discovered invasive species infestations.

Action Item: Leslie will send Scope of Work for NYISRI and CCE to ISC.

6. Advisory Committee

Chuck reported that ISAC met via conference call on 23 November. ISAC will be reaching out to partners and developing a white paper for the ISC recommending next pathways and a short list of priority species for consideration of further action by ISC. ISAC will be cataloging education-outreach activities. ISAC plans to meet 4x/year mostly via conference call due to fiscal constraints. ISAC needs more participation from members.

7. Public Comment

Hilary Smith thanked the ISC for inviting Shaun Keeler to discuss DEC’s baitfish transport regulations and stated that several Adirondack groups oppose any relaxation of the current regulations.

8. Wrap-up

Meeting # 12 will be scheduled for late February. Leslie will send a “Doodle Poll”. Topics to discuss:

- a. budget
- b. other TBA

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