

New York Invasive Species Advisory Committee

Annual Report

2019

The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) prepared a 2019-2020 work plan that outlined objectives for those years. These objectives included collaborating with other organizations during Invasive Species Awareness Week, participating in the North American Invasive Species Management Association joint conference with the New York Invasive Species Research Institute and developing ISAC strategies for implementing the Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan. The ISAC members are pleased to report on their collaboration on the following activities in 2019:

SUMMARY

- **Held three in-person meetings and one joint meeting with the Invasive Species Council (ISC)**
- **Worked with the ISC, ISCU and PRISMs to continue with the Invasive Species Awareness Week initiative**
- **Reviewed and provided informal guidance on updating the Part 576 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention law**
- **Discussed ISAC strategies for implementing the Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan**
- **Participated in the North American Invasive Species Management Association joint conference with the New York Invasive Species Research Institute**

MEETINGS

- Hold quarterly meetings in person, with options for conference call participation and webinars (February, June, October, December). Consider holding a joint meeting with the ISC
 - *Held in-person meetings on February 27, June 13, December 10 and one joint meeting with ISC on October 15*
- Invite Invasive Species Council (ISC) agencies, partners, or specialists, including other states, regions and programs with successful invasive species initiatives, to present status reports or project findings; consider using webinars for information sharing
 - *Joellen Lampman, from the NYS Integrated Pest Management Program, gave a presentation on invasive ticks*
 - *Greg Sargis, from The Nature Conservancy, gave a presentation on improving the health and resilience of our forests*

- *Rob Williams shared the SLELO PRISM's Conservation Efforts video which encapsulates over-arching programmatic endeavors to protect lands and waters within the SLELO region from the impacts of invasive species*
- *Meg Modley, from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, presented on a \$600,000 Feasibility Study scheduled to look at protecting Lake Champlain from invasive species*
- *Visited the Round Lake Boat Launch and received information on the boat steward program and inspection for aquatic invasive species*

STRUCTURE

- Sustain active membership
 - *Average participation at meetings of 14 members or 57 percent of the membership (February-17, June-14, October- 11 (1 remote), December-15)*
- Maintain member contact information; send changes to Invasive Species Coordination Unit (ISCU) and ISC by April 1
 - *Maintained contact information for 25 members*

INITIATIVES

- In collaboration with NYIS.INFO, CCE IS Program, ISCU, ISC, and PRISMs, support the implementation of the 2016 - 2021 Education and Outreach Strategic Plan including hosting events for Invasive Species Awareness Week and supporting the implementation of Invasive Species Prevention Act regulations, as needed/requested
 - *ISAC and partnering organizations participated in and coordinated events for Invasive Species Awareness Week (July 7-13)*
- Participate in the North American Invasive Species Management Association joint conference with the New York Invasive Species Research Institute
 - *Some ISAC members attended the conference and participated as volunteers and moderators*
- Foster learning and information sharing through regional/state/northeast cooperation
- Support the development of a New York standardized outreach campaign on invasive species
- Review current work being done on invasive ticks and provide next steps
 - *Members received information on invasive ticks from a presentation at the February meeting*
- Foster communication and transparency with New York honey producers
- Review Invasive Species Comprehensive Management Plan (ISCMP) and develop ISAC strategies for implementing the ISCMP
 - *Started discussion on ISCMP priority goals for ISAC*
- Assist with Part 575 regulation updates
 - *Started discussion on updating Part 575*
- Raise awareness and identify solutions to vectors and pathways (e.g. canals)
- Respond to ISC directives
- Develop recommendations to be considered by ISC

- *Submitted letter to ISC on legislation that would ban the use of certain pesticides*
- Provide guidance to ISCU, as needed/requested
- Provide guidance on draft legislation and regulations, as needed/requested
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 - *Reviewed and provided informal guidance to DEC, NYSDAM and ISC on updating the Part 576 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention law*
- Provide comments on draft management plans, as needed/requested

COMMUNICATION

- Set 2019-2020 Objectives and prepare 1-2-page summary of outcomes at each year's end
 - *Currently drafting 2019 Annual Report*
 - *2019-2020 Objectives were finished in February 2019*
- Inform ISAC members about invasive species related news
 - *Shared invasive species related news at ISAC meetings and on ISAC listserv*
- Participate in ISC meetings and convey ISAC recommendations to the ISCU and ISC
 - *Held joint meeting with ISC and gave ISAC report at ISC meetings*
- Participate in monthly PRISM calls, as able/appropriate
 - *Monthly PRISM conference call information was shared on ISAC listserv*
- Continue to utilize ISAC Listserv for correspondence among the membership
 - *Used listserv for meeting notices and information, but using more specific email list of all ISAC members for sharing minutes and meeting agendas*
- Identify appropriate press opportunities, as appropriate
- Foster communication with members especially those who lack participation

Drafted by Renée St. Jacques. The Invasive Species Advisory Committee approved the 2019 Annual Report on March 11, 2020.