



## Agriculture and Markets

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*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: Thom Allgaier, Invasive Species Coordinator

RE: IS Council Meeting # 47; May 30, 2023

DATE: June 1, 2023

NYS IS Council met on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 from 10:00 am – 2:00pm at the NYS AGM central office, 10b, Albany, NY 12235. 4 Designated representatives were present, thereby a 2/3 quorum was **NOT** met. DOE representative is vacant.

**ISC Representatives Present:**

Justin Perry, DEC, Co-Chair  
Chris Logue, AGM, Co-Chair  
David Newman, DOS  
Peter Dunleavy, DOT

**Also Present from Council Agencies:**

Dave Adams, DEC  
Tim Baker, DOT  
Thom Allgaier, AGM  
Matt Brincka, OPRHP  
Mark Miller, CC  
Chris Shiyam, DOT  
Josh Thiel, DEC  
James Pinheiro, APA  
Andrea Nieves, DEC

**Present from Invasive Species Advisory Committee:**

Jennifer Dean, Natural Heritage Program  
Carrie Brown-Lima, Cornell University/ Invasive Species Research Institute/ ISAC Chairperson  
Eva Colberg, Cornell University/ Invasive Species Research Institute

**Present from Public:** None

**Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping** - Led by Justin Perry & Chris Logue. Start time 10:11am.

**ISC Meeting #45 Summary** – Chris Logue, No concerns were raised regarding the notes from Meeting #46. No vote to accept was taken due to lack of quorum.

**Open Discussion** - Discussion regarding Northern DEC regions 5 & 6 from David Newman, Josh Thiel, & Justin Perry. Josh Thiel spoke about invasive species issues with new and proposed pesticide regulations. Glyphosate use on state land was the primary focus. Matt Brincka provided the OPRHP perspective and Peter Dunleavy provided DOT perspective. Property owner vs. applicator for record keeping was discussed.

**Presentation** by Jennifer Dean, Threatened and Endangered species Data Within IMapInvasives.

**2023 Invasive Species Expo Update and Roundtable** led by Andrea, Josh Thiel, & Thom Allgaier, Sunday public event, food trucks, presentation opportunities were discussed. Over 70 abstracts have been submitted. Table displays and posters are still needed for the professional content days. DEC pesticide recertification credits will be applied for. Chris Logue and Thom Allgaier requested Category 9 & 10 credits be included. Immediately following the IS Expo will be the joint meeting of the ISAC & ISC. This will include a debrief of the 2023 IS Expo. Executive/political invites were discussed.

Peter Dunleavy, Justin Perry, and Chris Logue discussed the heads of each of the 9 state agencies attending the next joint meeting of the ISC & ISAC.

Justin Perry brought the possibility of a proclamation by the governor for the IS Expo. He will also draft a letter to the 9 agency heads to be sent jointly by DEC & AGM on behalf of the ISC.

Matt Brincka discussed presenting Steve Young with an award for his many contributions to IS management in NY at the IS Expo.

#### **LUNCH 12:15 to 1:00**

**Presentation** by Eva Colberg Climate Smart Invasive Species Management & Solicitation for Research Interviewees.

**Invasive Species Research Institute Update** – Carrie Brown-Lima shared two handouts. (Handout #1) a copy of the NYISRI Monthly e-Newsletter for June 2023 and (Handout #2) a copy of the 2022 NYISRI Annual Report.

**Invasive Species Advisory Committee** – Carrie Brown-Lima provided an update that included concerns of lack of involvement of the ISAC in the Part 575 update process. Josh Thiel commented that the ISAC/Strike Force was more engaged during the initial rollout process. The role in the update process is diminished. Carrie also spoke about biocontrol progress for swallow-wart. Requested that biocontrol be covered at the IS Expo. Matt Brincka responded that biocontrol release was planned during the IS Expo.

**iMapInvasives Updates** – Jennifer Dean, gave an NHP/iMapInvasives update, mentioned the claim a grid square program, ISAW SLF presentation, and a Google update that caused an issue with the classic iMapInvasives mobile app. That impacts non-iPhone users. She will be presenting on the All PRISM call May 31, 2023 on Treatment data in iMapInvasives on Leveraging machine learning for iMap confirmations was discussed. New iMap updates and IS Expo planning were also mentioned.

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

- 1) **DOS** – David Newman – The Public Service workshop for internal staff covering Understanding and Controlling Aquatic Invasive Species was discussed. ITS was able to resolve the issue with iMap application on his state phone and use of iMapInvasives was discussed.
- 2) **DOT** – Peter Dunleavy – Introduced Tim Baker an intern with DOT who will be managing SLF traps. Vacuum and backpack sprayer use for SLF, the SLF eDNA project with Rutgers University, Internal DOT guidance for SLF and pushback on invasive species issues were discussed. Peter complimented DEC on the ICS Mock Scenario exercise.

- 3) **Thruway Authority** – None
- 4) **OPRHP** – Matt Brincka –Engaging within the agency on IS as they relate to public health. South fork of Long Island seeing large losses to Southern Pine Beetle. A safety issue as well as an aesthetic issue. Much of the loss is on DOT property along Montauk Hwy and the rail line. IS technicians starting statewide, 16 total. Boat Steward positions at a 60% vacancy level due to hiring issues, likely salary. MOU with AGM finalized. MOU with DEC amendment nearly complete. Hydrilla in Harriman State Park to be treated pending DEC permit processing. Matt commented that it was the smoothest permit processing he has experienced.
- 5) **APA** – James Pinheiro – Herbicide permits issued for treatment of AIS on Lake Luzerne. Herbicide permit for Lake George revoked.
- 6) **Canal Corporation** – Mark Miller – None.
- 7) **AGM** – Chris Logue – Box Tree Moth quarantine will be expanded by the end of July to include Monroe, Wayne, & Genesee counties in addition to the existing quarantined counties (Erie, Niagara, & Orleans). A higher population of larva overwintered than anticipated. Known BTM population is moving east. USDA will be launching a trial mating disruption trapping effort. Spotted Lantern Fly emerging on Long Island, in NY City, Lower Hudson Valley, and Binghamton. The SLF National Strategic Plan did not include tribal input. The process is restarting to included tribal input. Tomato Brown Fruit Rugose Virus trace forward and back is being conducted due to two seed company's self-reporting detections. Monitoring of facilities is ongoing. Detection is difficult.
- 8) **DEC** – Justin Perry – Beach Leaf Disease being tracked and working with stakeholders statewide. Spotted Lantern Fly seasonal staff hired and trained. New Director of Lands & Forests is Fiona Watt formally of NYC Parks.
- 9) **DOE- None**

**Public Comments** – None

**Wrap Up** – Next ISC meeting is scheduled for September 26 (Saratoga Spa State Park, Time and location TBD).

Meeting adjourned at 1:54pm