

MidCoast Watersheds Council
Meeting notes
7 May 2009

Introductions: 29 folks

Recorder's Report: Fran gave report, there were 4 action items taken at the April meeting:

1. Grant submission, culvert 35th in South Beach
2. Limiting factors analysis
3. Two extensions, federal stimulus monies, passage
4. Approved letter of support to use stimulus money to remove ships instead of fill

Treasurer's Report: income is \$380,000, slower year so far

Educational Program: Invasive Plants Control Josh Lambert, LSWCD

265-2631 (power point presentation available)

Josh is the Invasive Species control specialist for the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District. He started late 2008. Knotweed Control Program has been in place for about 6 years.

He provided a tutorial on the reporting system for reporting invasive species.

Can get help in identifying plants from Master Gardeners, Josh.

Make sure you report it accurately to: www.Oregoninvasiveshotline.org

Provide: species name, Latin if possible, how many plants, how big is the area, detailed location.

On line works very well as you can point to where you found it on the map of Oregon, direct screen, invasive locator, define species, photo can be added, contact information

Top of locating box pulls up google maps so you can point out where you found it.

Pests, persist in places we don't want them, non natural, often human disturbed habitats. Invasive species impact relatively intact native plant communities and compete for resources such as space, water, nutrients. They are often prolific breeders, competitive growth patterns, effective dispersals and lack of local predators. The consequences are: loss of habitat, alteration of natural processes, adaptation and ecology, economic loss. IPM-integrated pest management provides guidelines for weed management.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) prioritizes species into three classes: A, B and T.

Land managers then use those priorities to develop an action plan for prevention, monitoring and assessment for land management. Prevention is the best overall practice, spread information to

land managers, home owners, land owners; need to think about how best to use limited resources. Early detection is vital to avoid the rapid growth curve! Locate, detect, eliminate early to avoid large spread. List A early detection, List B expanded and high in curve.

Early detection rapid response is key (EDRR). 4 STEPS Learn Look Report Respond.

Riparian species are the focus of tonight's presentation. Based upon ODA A and B Lists.

Knotweed: Fallopia- 4 species in Lincoln County: Japanese, Giant, Himalayan, and a hybrid.

All are bamboo like, red papery sheaths. 70% of knotweed in Lincoln County is the Japanese knotweed. Very aggressive, prolific growth, rhizomes, effective dispersal. Herbicide spray and treatment does help control, but in some cases has not shown to provide full eradication. Talk of biological control. Any disturbing of plant stimulates growth. Do not dump contaminated soil anywhere.

Yellow flag iris-Iris pseudocorus-thick rhizomes, seeds float, grows 3-5 feet tall, fan shaped base. Class B-regionally abundant. Deer Creek. Stems do well under water, collects sediment. Used to clean up heavy metals. Below bankfull or in channel. Must grub out the entire rhizomes. Juices are irritating to human skins. Homeowners should be referred to Josh.

Old Man's Beard: Clematis vitalba, 4 sepals, seeds with hairy styles, flowers late summer. Vines up trees. Compound leaf. Opposite arrangement. Remedy for fantasies and dreamers. Infestation on lower Yachats. It will topple trees. Seeds travel by wind. Control like English ivy. Pull out and cut away from the tree.

Butterfly Bush: Buddleja davidii, opposite leaf arrangement, rough exfoliating bark. Tall drooping branches. Many varieties. Up to 15 feet tall. Light color purple. Numerous habitat types. Re-sprouts from branches, seeds have wings. Deadhead the flowers. Don't spread the seeds. Vinegar can kill it.

Policeman's helmet: Impatiens glandulifera. Explosives seed pods, grows 9 feet tall. Annual, opposite leaves, finely serrate leaf margins, succulent stems and hexagonal angled-musty odor. Flowers June-July. Prevent it from seeding. Jam made from blossoms.

Giant hogweed. Heracleum mantegazzii. Not in Lincoln County yet. Class A 8-15 feet tall. White umbel inflorescence. Deeply dissected leaf lobes with sharp serration, stem purple splotches with single large hair. Leaves 5 feet long. Report immediately. Toxic to humans. Sun exposure results in sunburning that can result in scarring. Moves underground. Produces lots of seeds. Protect yourself, prevent seeding.

Garlic Mustard: Allaria petiolata-crushed leaves smell like garlic or onion. Rosettes in fall. Blooms in April in June. Triangular heart shaped leaves, serrated leaves. Kidney shaped rosettes. While four petal flower. Emits chemicals that inhibit growth of other native species, otherwise known as allelopathy About 12-18 inches. Tillamook County has it. Pulling works during a small window right during flowering, get all the roots.

PREVENTION 2009, awareness campaigns, Yaquina: slide shown for knotweed spaces under treatment. Sunset Garden Manual lists 25 state listed invasives as suggested plants to include in your garden. There is a petition to them against this. See Josh for information.

Break

Technical Team: 35th Street, tidal situation, technical info needed for sizing.

Proposal get money to hire bio surveys to outreach in upper Yaquina, implementation of limiting factors analysis in that area. Turned in on the 20th.

Basin Planning Team: Siletz: invasive weeds were presented. Specific knotweed sites. Continuing to work on Mill Park. Put up a new sign, boat ramp has concrete slippage at bottom. No motor boats is of not interest to the marine board. The City is drafting an ordinance that will prohibit removal or launch of motorized boats within city limits. Siletz has an agreement with Toledo Police Department. Marine Board pamphlet includes a session of complaints from drift boats and they want to promote river etiquette guide. Hydrocarbon monitoring found that the amount varies seasonally. It peaks during highest motorized usage. Clean-up was successful.

Yaquina: planning more field trips for the summer.

Salmon Drift Watershed Council: Corrina Career Tech students lower Siletz cleanup. Appears to be a dump site by Chinook Bend. Good job! There is no regular meeting in May. Bear Creek landowner meeting-scheduled in late May. June site breaking ceremony at Pixieland, public awareness of summer work, probably late in the month. They have an office and office manager. Tanya has been helping them with their books, office keeping, phone system, internet, quick books, looked at more insurance for liability \$5000, need to figure out what others are doing. Grant reporting. Old water quality report still making the budget align. Tamara Quays work will be continued. Forest service is finalizing the engineering plans. Limiting factors not pursuing. General Council support looks poor. Some partner work with Westwind. NOAA has started to work on details and working down through the list so money is allocated by June 1. Career Tech doing 40 hours of volunteer work checking out yellow colored trees planted at Pixieland.

Admin Committee: Sam reports review of website. Unifying the look of the site. Some discussion of landowner agreement violation, moved some placed logs from an OWEB grant. Should these agreements be recorded somewhere so that new owners know of agreements. Agreements are encumbrances on property. Should they be in a database, accessible by title insurance companies so that new owners would know about agreements. It would probably work better to have an early warning system so that we were informed when the land is sold so that we could then let the new owner know of the previous agreement. State Police were informed and are investigating. Permit to put them in, takes a permit to remove them so State Police are involved.

Submitted letter on council support to OWEB and it went in today.

Reviewed draft job description document for use with basin planning team leaders.

Education Committee: Virginia gave written report,

Coordinator's Report: written report
7th item. Some might know that Kip and Mark when doing Big Creek surveys in South County. State Police investigated and issued some citations, cars have been removed. Appears that the soil has not been removed. DA, one count of pollution \$300 and operations seem to continue. A group is planning to talk to the new DA.

Last item: Port of Newport, write a letter to state government officials asking for support for NOAA's bid to bring Pacific Fleet to Newport. Made the short list, final application is due. They need letters from state so we're sending one. Due in a week. There is an application for port improvements stimulus monies. Add the point that dredging would continue for fishing fleet if NOAA's fleet was here.

EPA was mapping the dredge fill areas. Yaquina is taking dredge sludge further out. Cinnabar buoy was located.

Announcements: May 16th Yaquina Clean-up, prizes and BBQ. Elmer would like to thank Starker Forest for transportation to Plum Creek tour. Very interesting tour, another tour this month. TMDL working crew. Post harvest in the fall.

Adjournment: 8:45