

OISC Meeting
June 7th, 2011

Agenda

I. Announcements/new business

Rachel opened the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

II. General OISC update: Rachel Neville

The budget picture is pretty good. We have money to do what we need to do. Think 2012 will be tough since there is no longer ARRA and USFS is less.

The HISC budget process will start over the summer. I am planning to ask for an outreach person to do half time property access and half time outreach. The outreach will likely be mostly on statewide issues. I think we are overdoing events as outreach. I am hoping to find someone that can do real community-based outreach and help raise awareness within neighborhoods. I kind of want to hire a person who would do half field and half outreach.

We are participating in the PIPES intern program. Will do another round of naio thrips surveys. Don't think anyone else is looking, if someone is please let us know so we can coordinate.

We can't participate in Americorps through our existing accounts so we're thinking about starting a paid intern program with CTAHR. Unless someone else wants to pay for Americorps and have us take advantage of it. We have the money, but can't find a mechanism to pay for it.

We need a new Chair! If nobody volunteers I'll have to pick someone. Will want to have a new person by August.

There will be a new HISC coordinator starting June 13. This is different from the state invasive species coordinator position held by Mindy Wilkinson. I'm helping to get the person settled in. His name is Josh Atwood and he interned for OED a few years ago.

I'm giving a talk about OISC at the Forester's conference in November.

SNIPP surveys are completed. We are now receiving funding from SNIPP to do control work. The biggest finds are probably *Setaria sphacelata* and *Acacia auriculiformis*.

Setaria sphacelata might become a target, although its really widespread.

III. Strategic plan: Rachel

I think it would be useful to have a document that we can make public that outlines our strategy, goals and mission. It should also have benchmarks and goals for the organization and the species. This should be something that's done with a lot of input from the committee.

Definitely not an MOU, but I'd like something to spell out how long the chair should serve, who is eligible to be on the committee etc. What I'd like to do is define who gets to vote, should there ever be a disagreement, on the committee. Mainly because I'd like to start having more people come to these meetings.

If I set myself a deadline of August to write some draft sections, would everyone agree to have a meeting after the ConCon to go over it?

Remaining agenda (no notes):

10:00-10:45

James Leary

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00

Early Detection Species/Progress with delimitation

12:00-12:30

Species Highlights

Coqui Frog

Miconia