

FICMNEW May Meeting
USFWS Building May 27, 2009

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Mike Lusk
Russ Jones
Lee Van Wychen
Pete Eagan
Bob Nowierski

Al Tasker
Rita Beard
Joe DiVittorio
Chris Dionigi
Gina Ramos

1. Web Site Update: Front page has been updated and looks good
 - a. Decision to use FICMNEW web site for Weeds across Borders
 - b. Still looking for links to agency web sites
 - c. Decision: send out notice that the site is up and running to partners, list serves and the like. Jenny will draft notice
 - d. Add in calendar events as needed
2. Bob Nowierski reported on the new IPM training. This is the web based training modules they have been working on for the last few years. Professional Program and Pest Management – Web Training
 - a. June 9: 9-11 Demonstration at USFWS Building in Room 530
 - b. Demonstration of the training
 - c. Explain web site
 - d. Administered by the University of Minnesota
 - e. Will also discuss how others can have training developed on this site
 - f. A three tiered system, so there are prerequisites for more advanced courses
3. NIWAW – Lee Van Wychen
 - a. Janet Clark may be helping out – currently reviewing a proposal organize NIWAW
 - b. Focus on invasive species awareness week rather than just weeds
 - c. Date: Looking at the week the second week in January Jan 10- Jan 14, 2010
 - d. June FICMNEW meeting may be focused on NIWAW 2010 or NISAW?
4. Fact Book Day
 - a. Meeting at BLM, please make sure Gina knows you are coming
 - b. Internet and computers will be set up for the meeting
 - i. Attending: Mike, Mike, Gina, Jenny, Al, Russ
 - c. One of the task is writing new sections and reviewing sections that have already been written
 - d. Need Updated Statistics for agencies, Gina will send out format:
 - i. Number of Acres, new programs and initiatives, Contacts internal and external
 - e. Randy may or not be on hand
 - f. People should plan being the most of the day 9:00 – 3:30, Pete is buying cocktails
 - g. Still working on setting up FTP or SharePoint site

5. Weed Across the Border
 - a. Theme for the conference: Plant Invasions Policies, Politics and Practices
 - b. June 1-4, 2010 at NCTC
 - c. Start with North America policies
 - d. Crossing borders – horticulture products and the like
 - e. Networking across borders – state councils
 - f. Field trips, river and trails as corridors for movement
 - g. Bring in outfitting companies
 - h. Border management and recreation, craft components for an accord for cross boundary cooperation
 - i. EDRR – Optional to develop regional volunteers and data collection system. Randy will organize
 - j. Next meeting June 4.
 - k. Chris volunteered for assistance from NISC
6. Meetings
 - a. Ecological SA in August (Rita is going), Entomological SA (Bob N) is going in December
 - b. Military meeting: August Chris and of course Pete is going
 - c. Mid-Atlantic EPCC: August
 - d. Aquatic Plant Society:
 - e. Noxious course in Pennsylvania: Jenny is attending
7. Round table
 - a. DOD:
 - i. Two courses being developed by CIPM and Steve Manning Invasives Species at the end of October. Pete is encouraging cooperation and attendance by other agencies
 - b. NPS:
 - i. WSWS short Course is changing with some of the key players moving on to other things
 - c. BOR
 - i. Attended ANSTF meeting last week in Bozeman: Plan for Quagga mussels presented to ANSTF
 - ii. Western mussel workshop early this month
 - iii. Will sponsor international conference on aquatic invasive 2010 in US, city still to be determined
 - iv. Working on IPM manual - about 700 pages and turned out well. Will be posted on the web site sometime this summer
 - v. Still working on cleaning and inspection manual. Should also be on the web site this summer
 - d. NISC: Lori will be on detail in Oregon, and in DOI Secretaries office.
 - i. Several detailers at the council staff
 - ii. Going to have an interim ISAC meeting on biofuels. Concern that escapes of invasive species, trying to create a white paper
 - iii. Seven opening on ISAC coming up this year
 - e. CSREES

- i. Microbial control meeting in planning stages fro 2010 – much focused on addressing public and agency concerns about the use of these biocontrol agents
 - ii. IPM meeting:
 - iii. Natural environment developing an outline
 - f. USFWS
 - i. Michael has accepted a position in Florida and quickly fading out as national lead. Jenny will be taking on all of his responsibilities in addition to her own
- 8. Next Meeting June 24th... Need location for meeting, Jenny will be out of town