

## Minutes of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee Meeting

On June 25 and 26, 2002 a meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) of the National Invasive Species Council was held at Chico Hotsprings in Prey, MT. The meeting was facilitated by Barbara Upston. Text files of the full transcripts of the meeting are available upon request. They have been indexed with the agenda items listed below.

### ISAC Members in Attendance:

R. Stocker	J. Corn
A. Cangelosi	G. Beil
G. Beck	B. Taubert
J. Stone	M. Buck
N. Jackson	D. Dippel
A. Bartuska	C. O'Neil
L. Eldredge	M. Meyers
S. Bright	B. Cooksely
K. Miller	W. Dickerson
R. Lukins	D. Cooper
F. Campbell	M. Leland
G. Chavarria	C. Regelbrugge
S. Reichard	L. Sheehan

### Others in Attendance:

R. Orr, APHIS	C. Short, FWS
D. Hayes, USDA	M. Slimak, EPA
J. Freihage, OMB	D. Watts, BASF
L. Drees, NPS	J. Vollmer, BASF
E. Sklad, USGS	P. Egan, DOD
J. Clark, CIPM	D. Wilkinson, DOC
R. Beard, FS	A. Brown, DOI
P. Sigl, GAO	L. Williams, NISC
D. Cowan, GAO	J. Reaser, NISC
B. Nowiersky, CSREES	C. Dionigi, NISC
R. Bennett, ARS	S. Parish, NISC
A. Gutierrez, NISC	J. Tate, DOI
J. Butler, USDA	R. Van Bebbber, FS

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### Call To Order Day 1, June 25, 2002, Randall Stocker

R. Stocker called the meeting to order, introduced L. Williams who made opening remarks, the group introduced themselves, and logistical questions were addressed (page 1 - 30).

**Discussion of Revised Transition Papers, Randall Stocker**

R. Stocker lead the discussion of the ISAC operating guidelines. These provide guidance concerning the roles and responsibilities of ISAC members and officers, processes used to arrive at decisions, and other ways that ISAC will conduct its business. Discussions included the hiring of an ISAC coordinator (pages 30 - 41).

**NISC UP-Date, Chris Dionigi and Jamie Reaser**

C. Dionigi, then J. Reaser provided an update on recent Council activities. Topics included the Convention on Biological Diversity, issues related to the development of more cold tolerant varieties of buffelgrass, more systematic communication from Council staff to ISAC, and budget development issues (pages 41 - 85).

**Member Question of Greatest Concern, Barbara Upston**

B Upston lead a discussion among ISAC members concerning their questions of greatest concern, and the other non-ISAC attendees at the meeting responded. Questions concerned considering the potential for pathogens and parasites to be on animals in the screening process; the Federal budget development process; ensuring that invasive species plans developed by States are consistent with and coordinated with the National Plan; obtaining more copies of the Environmental Law Institute's report on State invasive species legislation; more systematic communications between ISAC and Council staff; providing a PDF version of the Plan and the APHIS Safeguarding Report to ISAC members; and other topics (pages 85 - 130).

**Review and Clarification of Task Teams, Randall Stocker**

L. Williams discussed FACA rules and the concepts concerning task teams and subcommittees. Discussion included the differences between a task team and a subcommittee. The group, lead by R. Stocker discussed how the process should work and began the discussion of what teams should be formed (pages 130 - 173), please see below for list of groups established. Addition work on this topic was conducted on June 26, 2002 (see below).

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**Call to Order, Day Two, Randall Stocker**

R. Stocker, Chair of ISAC called the meeting to order and introduced Scott Cameron of the Department of the Interior (pages 1 - 4).

**Cross-cut Budget, Scott Cameron**

S. Cameron of the DOI discussed the general budget process and the invasive species crosscut budget initiative specifically. He indicated that there were three main areas within the invasive specie crosscut, Prevention, Early Detection and Rapid Response, and Control. S. Cameron indicated that there was significant support for this process within OMB. He indicated that OMB

supports, as one of the outlets of the President's management agenda, what's called Budget and Performance Integration. The notion is that agencies or, for that matter, any organization ought to have a strategic plan that is results oriented and outcome oriented. He while budget numbers cannot be shared at this time, there was an opportunity for ISAC stakeholder input into the what the performance measures should look like. S. Cameron indicated that the crosscut budget is essentially doing is a "mini" interagency strategic plan for invasive species with quantifiable performance measures and results (pages 4 -55).

#### **Draft letter to Co-Chair Departments, Linda Sheehan**

At the ISAC meetings in May of 2002, ISAC members indicated that they would like to draft a letter to the Council in support of their crosscut budget effort. L. Sheehan, pasted out a draft letter to the co-chair departments asking for a crosscut budget. Many members of ISAC provided comments concerning the draft letters (page 55 - 83). ISAC members provided input on the draft letter and a decision was made to finalize the text of the letter by e-mail/fax between ISAC meetings.

#### **Early Detection and Rapid Response, Chris Dionigi**

Because of the time taken up with the previous discussion, R. Stocker suggested that ISAC members read the ED&RR materials provided, including the report on ED&RR from Jim Worrall of FS. C. Dionigi reported that FICMNEW asks ISAC to comment on the FICMNEW draft ED&RR (page 83 - 101).

#### **Homeland Security Comments, Dr. James Tate & Dr. Jim Butler**

J. Tate (pages 101- 107) and J. Butler (pages 107 -110) spoke about the President's Homeland Security Proposal. In addition, J. Tate spoke on the reinvigoration of the Lacey Act and the Snakehead issue. ISAC Members engaged an open with Dr. Tate and Dr. Butler that was lead by R. Stocker. Members asking questions and making comments were: Stone, Bright, Lukins, Meyers, Dickerson, Beck, Bartuska, Stocker, Jackson, Campbell, Miller, and Regelbrugge (pages 110 - 145). Members indicated their concern that moving elements of APHIS to Homeland Security would lessen the ability of APHIS to deal with invasive species problems.

#### **Discussion of Weed Legislation and Legislative Update, George Beck**

G. Beck discussed the details of pending weed control legislation and other members of ISAC provided information about legislation before Congress (pages 145 -166). G. Beck indicated the current status of the HR 1462 and S. 198. G.. Beck reported the status of HR 1462 on page 151. In addition, Members of ISAC discussed the need for input on the up-coming reauthorization of NISA, a bill dealing specifically with Nutria, and the value of having official testimony on invasive species bill available on the Council's website.

#### **Operational Guidelines for ISAC, Randall Stocker.**

Operational Guidelines for ISAC that were discussed on June 25, 2002 (see pages 30 - 41 from June 25, 2002) were discussed further and were approved (pages 166 - 167).

**ISAC Task Team and Subcommittees, Randall Stocker**

Members continued their discussion of the formation of task team and subcommittees. Groups established were: (1) Budget Task Team; (2) Communication, Education & Outreach Subcommittee; (3) Control & Management Subcommittee; (4) Early Detection & Rapid Response Subcommittee; (5) Information Management Subcommittee; (6) International Cooperation Subcommittee, (7) Leadership & Coordination Subcommittee, (8) Pathways & Screening (Prevention) Subcommittee; and (9) Research Subcommittee (pages 167 - 195). See summary memo for list of interested ISAC participants for each subcommittee. Members broke into groups to discuss the specifics of the team and subcommittees that were proposed for establishment.

**Discussion of Codes of Conduct, Sarah Reichard**

S. Reichard discussed how the Garden Clubs of America have endorsed codes of conduct for the gardening public which are associated with meeting concerning screening that were held at the Missouri Botanical Gardens (pages 195 - 198).

**Discussion of the Analysis of Economic Cost of Invasive, Shipman Bright**

S. Bright lead a discussion concerning increasing our understanding of the economic impacts of invasive species, to find and circulate economic studies, and to build a "library" of economic impacts information. In addition, J. Vollmer of BASF talked about the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (pages 198 - 224).

**Dates for Next ISAC Meeting, Randall Stocker**

Members developed a list of possible dates for the next ISAC meetings and agenda items for the next meeting (pages 224 - 246). Proposed dates for upcoming ISAC meetings: Nov. 18-19, 2002 (Mon.-Tues.); March 4-5, 2003 (Tues.-Wed.); June 24-25, 2003 (Tues.-Wed.); and October 29-30, 2003 (Wed.-Thurs.). Potential agenda items for the next ISAC meeting: discussion of budget target numbers for implementing the Plan, economic analysis with demonstration of University of Maryland project, crosscut budget and 2004 performance measures, task team updates, members' forum, funding mechanisms, legislative updates, and presentations from Jim Tate (DOI), Jim Butler (USDA), and Tim Keeney (NOAA). Also, discussion of environmental soundness of treatment options, how to address Internet sales, and administration of future rapid response funds

**Recap of the Meeting, Ann Bartuska**

A. Bartuska provided a summary of the discussions and questions were asked of R. Driscoll of the State Department concerning the Convention of Biological Diversity (pages 246 - 262).