



OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Coordination, Prevention, Education, Collaboration

Oregon Invasive Species Summit
(hosted by the Oregon Invasive Species Council)
July 22, 2008
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Northwest Viticulture Center—Chemeketa Community College
215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem, Oregon

Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- *Bring federal and state agency and industry leaders (and others contributing to invasive species efforts in Oregon together) together to develop a shared understanding of the threat of invasive species to Oregon's natural resources, economy, and quality of life;*
- *Develop cost-effective, proactive, shared strategies and commitments that adequately fund and implement invasive species control and prevention efforts in Oregon;*
- *Develop a shared understanding of and support for the legislative concepts for the 2009 legislative session that will provide Oregon with adequate legal protections from invasive species;*
- *Prioritize invasive species efforts in Oregon; and*
- *Identify next steps.*

Expected Work Product:

- *A report to Governor Ted Kulongoski that describes the actions, strategies, and recommendations developed by summit participants to deal with the threat of invasive species in Oregon.*

8:30 Gather—Coffee

8:45 – 9:00

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome and Introduction of Governor Kulongoski — *Mark D. Sytsma, Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) Chair*

9:00 – 9:15

Opening Remarks from Governor Ted Kulongoski

9:15 – 9:20

Agenda for the Summit

- Review today's agenda; other housekeeping details — *Lisa A. DeBruyckere, OISC Coordinator*

9:20 – 10:45

Invasive Species in Oregon — The State of the State

- Background information and panel discussion on the state of invasive species in Oregon

Objective: Provide a comprehensive background on the barriers to effectively managing invasive species in Oregon as well as the short-term and long-term key priority issues.

- John Randall, Wildlife Invasive Species Team Director, The Nature Conservancy—International perspective
- Lori Williams—Executive Director of the National Invasive Species Council, Washington, DC—National perspective
- Dan Hilburn—Director of Plant Division, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Salem, OR—State perspective
- Sam Adams—Portland City Commissioner, Portland, Oregon—Local government perspective

10:45 – 11:00

BREAK

11:00 – 11:15

Summary of key State of the State Issues and Initiate Breakout Sessions

- Summarize panel discussion key points — *Lisa DeBruyckere, OISC Coordinator*
- Create breakout sessions involving summit invitees
 - Objective: Summit invitees gather in small groups to develop shared solutions to address the barriers to effectively managing invasive species in Oregon.
 - Barriers and questions:
 - After-the-fact regulations and regulatory obstacles, and species control versus pathway restrictions.
 - **Question:** What is the biggest obstacle you face in addressing invasive species in your organization/line of work? Would enhanced regulations, sustainable funding, and/or an emergency fund address that obstacle?
 - **Question:** *What strategies/actions can be implemented to address regulatory obstacles and the way we currently approach invasive species monitoring and control efforts in Oregon?*
 - Lack of knowledge and awareness
 - **Question:** *What strategies/actions would effectively and efficiently address the current lack of knowledge and awareness about invasive species in Oregon?*
 - Competing priorities, inadequate funding, and non-existent emergency funding
 - **Question:** *What strategies/actions can be implemented to develop sources of sustainable*

funding and an emergency fund for invasive species efforts? Sources of funding? How would an emergency fund be structured?

- A lack of infrastructure to coordinate, collaborate, and fund invasive species efforts
 - **Question:** *What strategies/actions can be implemented to better coordinate, collaborate, and fund invasive species efforts?*

11:15 – 12:15

Breakout Session #1 (each session discusses two sets of barriers)

- Facilitate small group discussions to address barriers —
Summit Facilitators

12:15 – 1:30

LUNCH (*Case studies on successful invasive species efforts in the U.S.*)

Guest speakers:

Jeff Douglas—Oregon Public Broadcasting
Charlie Stenvall—Refuge Manager, Willapa Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Washington (*Spartina*)

Everett Hansen—Professor, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Oregon State University

Lars Anderson—Plant Physiologist, US Dept. of Agriculture/ Agricultural Research Service (*Caulerpa*)

Larry Dalton—Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (*Funding invasive species programs*)

1:30 – 2:35

Breakout Session #2 (each session discusses two sets of barriers)

- Facilitate small group discussions to address barriers —
Summit Facilitators

2:35 – 2:45

BREAK

3:20 – 4:20

Summary and Discussion of Breakout Session Solutions and Recommendations

- Summarize and lead discussion of the results of the breakout sessions — *Lisa DeBruyckere, OISC Coordinator*
 - **Objective:** Ensure there is a shared understanding and support for suggested shared solutions and recommendations to effectively manage invasive species in Oregon.

4:20 – 4:30

Next Steps

- Describe and obtain concurrence on the next steps (short term and long term) needed to implement an effective strategy for managing invasive species in Oregon — *Mark D. Sytsma, OISC Chair*