

CWMA stakeholders meeting  
1/14/10 at 9:30 – 11:00 AM  
NRCS Field Office – 590 University Ave

### Minutes

Members present: Diane Claassen (CES), Darcy Etcheverry (FSWCD), Jessica Guritz, Marie Heidemann (UAF), Nicholas Lisuzzo (USFS), Brett Nelson (DOT), Irene Wood (Farmers Market), Trish Wurtz (USFS)

Handouts: FCWMA draft strategic plan, AKEPIC invasive plant points for FCWMA, Anchorage CWMA plant ranking list.

#### A. Strategic Plan

- a. Why develop and approve a strategic plan? The group briefly discussed why we would want to have a strategic plan. It included:
  - i. Focus our efforts
  - ii. Backbone of the group/provide history of goals
  - iii. Funding
- b. What should be the process for approval? The group decided to make the process brief and to vote on a plan at the meeting. Discussion included the fact that the plan can always be modified, and that we could potentially spend days (& years!) developing a plan.
- c. Discussion on changes:
  - i. Steering committee (section IV) – Should we include this section if we don't foresee having a steering committee in the near future? The group is relatively small, so it would not be feasible to separate out into a committee. Darcy & Irene thought it was good to include this section, because it is a goal to one day have a steering committee. Trish voiced that we could always add the section when we get to that point. Decide to keep it in this version.
  - ii. 6 targeted species (section VI) – Seems confusing to have this list of 6 when we are developing a control ranking list for all the invasive plants in our area. The 6 were voted early on by the original CWMA members, Diane thinks we should keep them as the target. Darcy suggested that we have both lists until we decide on the other ranking list, then maybe we can do away with the 6. Irene thinks that the list of 6 is helpful for focusing efforts, especially for farmers. Decide to keep the list of 6 for now.
  - iii. Species classification (section VII) - Decide to move potential invaders to the left of the page to give it more visibility. Members will email/talk

between the next meeting to decide ranking based on the invasiveness of the plant and the current number of points in AKEPIC. Darcy noted that the survey data for Fairbanks is not complete, Trish suggested that we also use local knowledge from the group as well as the AKEPIC data.

- iv. Management recommendations (section IX) – Brett mentioned that this list is a good thing for other groups, such as the stormwater advisory committee, to follow and be aware of.
- d. Strategic plan approved unanimously among present members, with the caveat that Table 2 will be voted on at the next meeting.

#### B. Updates

- a. CIPM web seminar – Trish reported that the Center for Invasive Plant Management is offering free web classes for invasive plant inventory and monitoring. If anyone is interested in participating, they can join Darcy at the field office to watch the classes.
- b. Weed smackdown – Darcy reported that USFWS will be hiring a STEP employee to help with this project. The date is set and the venue will be Tanana Lakes.
- c. IP Coordinators – Darcy reported that the IP Coordinator position is being advertised until January 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### C. Next meeting – February 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Species classification – Diane, Darcy, Jessica, and Marie stayed after the meeting to discuss the plant ranking list.